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AND WANT TO BE SURE
JUST BRING HIM SOME
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THIS IMPRIMATURE *...

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The ADVENTURES of SUPERMAN
WHEN HE WAS A BOY!

BOUGHT ANY TOYS LATELY?
IF YOU HAVE, YOU'VE PROBABLY
WONDERED HOW TOY-MAKERS
KNOW JUST HOW MUCH WEAR
AND TEAR A TOY CAN TAKE!
MOST TOY-TESTING IS DONE BY
MACHINE, BUT WHEN SUPERBOY
TAKES A JOB IN THE BUSINESS—
DOUBLING AS CROOK-CHASER AND
BUSINESS-GETTER—HE INTRODUCES
SOME NEW ANGLES AS...

"SUPERBOY, Toy-Tester!"

by JERRY SIEGEL
AND
JOE SHUSTER



THE BEST LIKED TEACHER
IN SCHOOL IS MISS BERRY...

SEE,
MISS BERRY,
I'M NO GOOD AT
ARITHMETIC!

WHEN I WAS
YOUR AGE, I WASN'T
GOOD AT IT EITHER!
LET'S TRY AGAIN,
TOMMY!

LATER... AFTER SCHOOL,
YOUNG CLARK KENT
GETS A REMINDER...

DON'T FORGET,
CLARK! TOMORROW
IS MISS BERRY'S
BIRTHDAY AND
WE'RE ALL GOING TO
BRING HER A
PRESENT!

DON'T WORRY!
I'LL BRING
ONE!

SO CLARK GOES GIFT-SHOPPING—
AND CATASTROPHE BEFALLS HIM!

THAT
WILL BE
\$3.00, PLEASE!

A HOLE
IN MY POCKET!
I'VE LOST THE MONEY
FOR MISS BERRY'S
PRESENT!

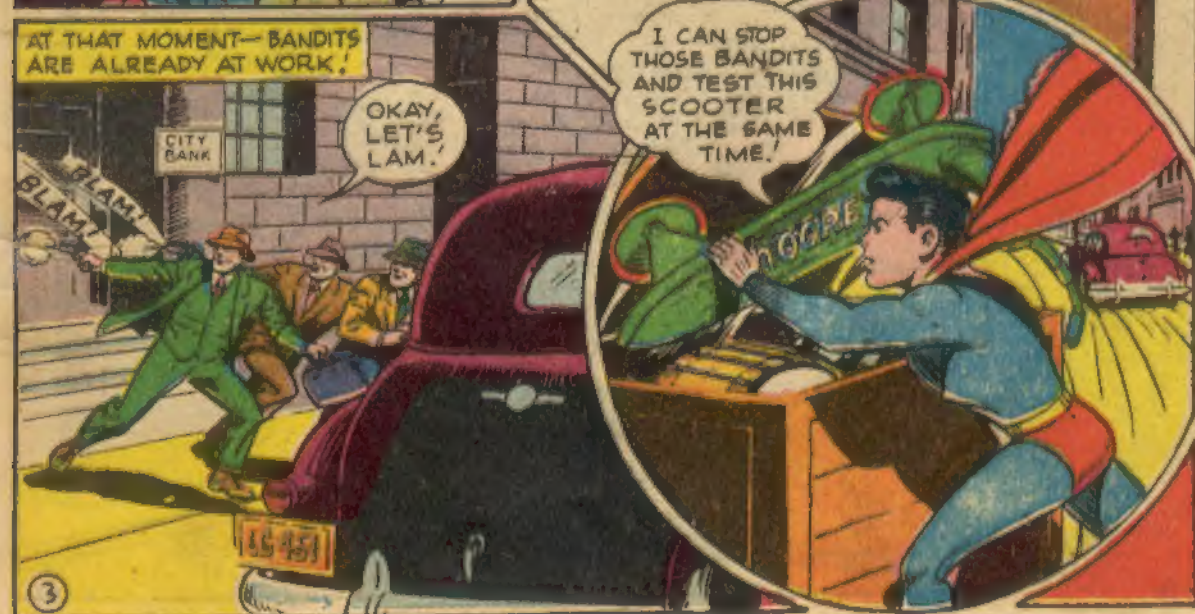
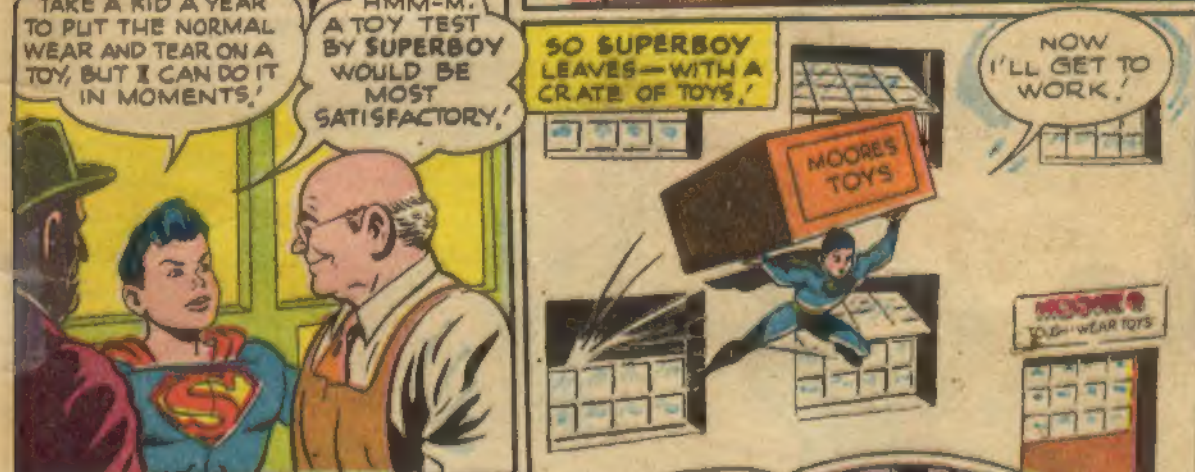
THAT WAS ALL
THE SPENDING MONEY
I HAD! I CAN'T FACE THE
GANG WITHOUT A PRESENT!
I JUST CAN'T!

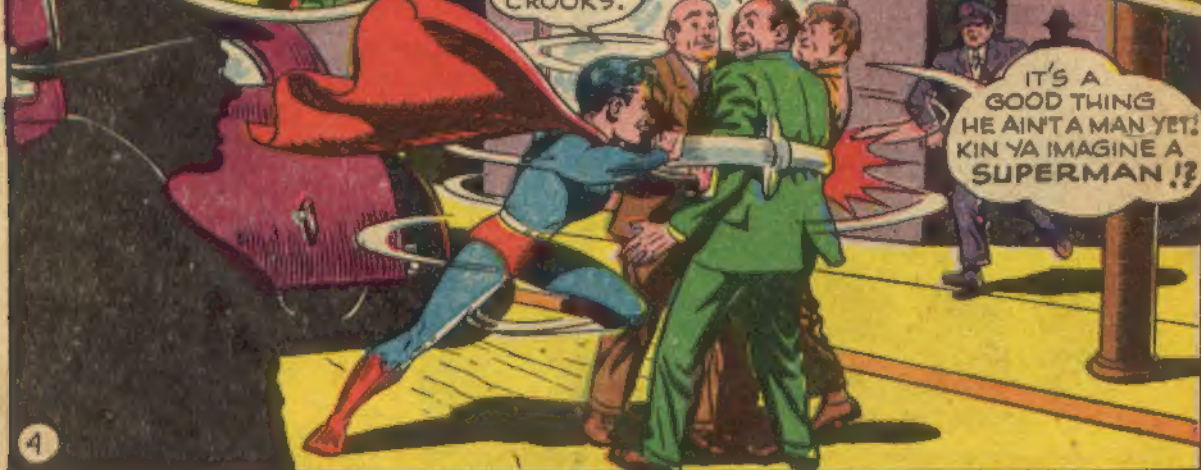
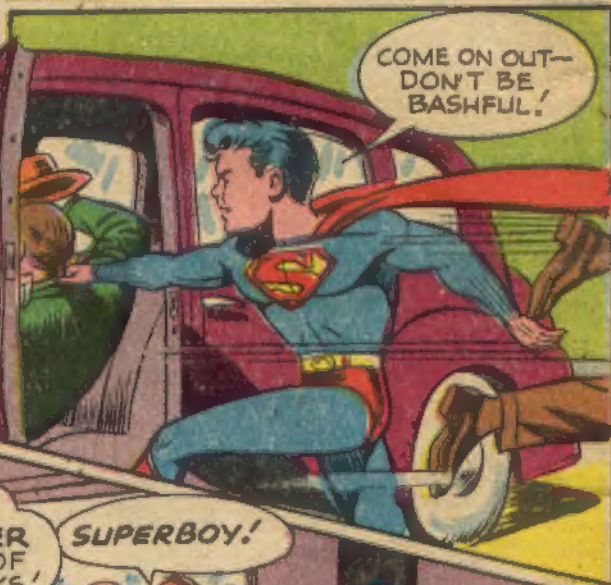
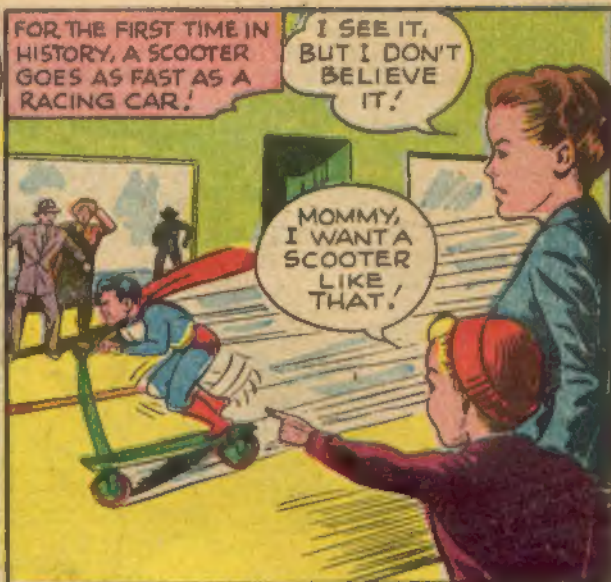
SUDDENLY CLARK'S
SUPER-HEARING
PICKS UP WORDS...

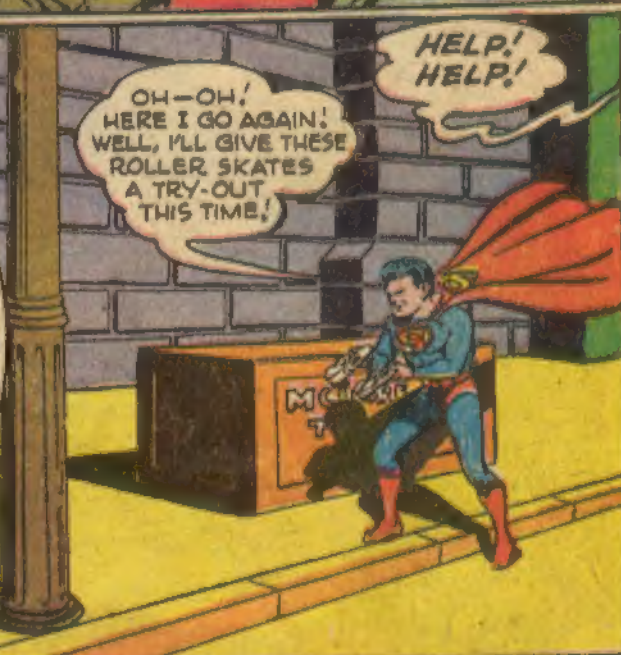
YOUR TOYS LOOK
FINE, BUT YOU'RE A
NEW CONCERN AND
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BEEN TESTED
YET!

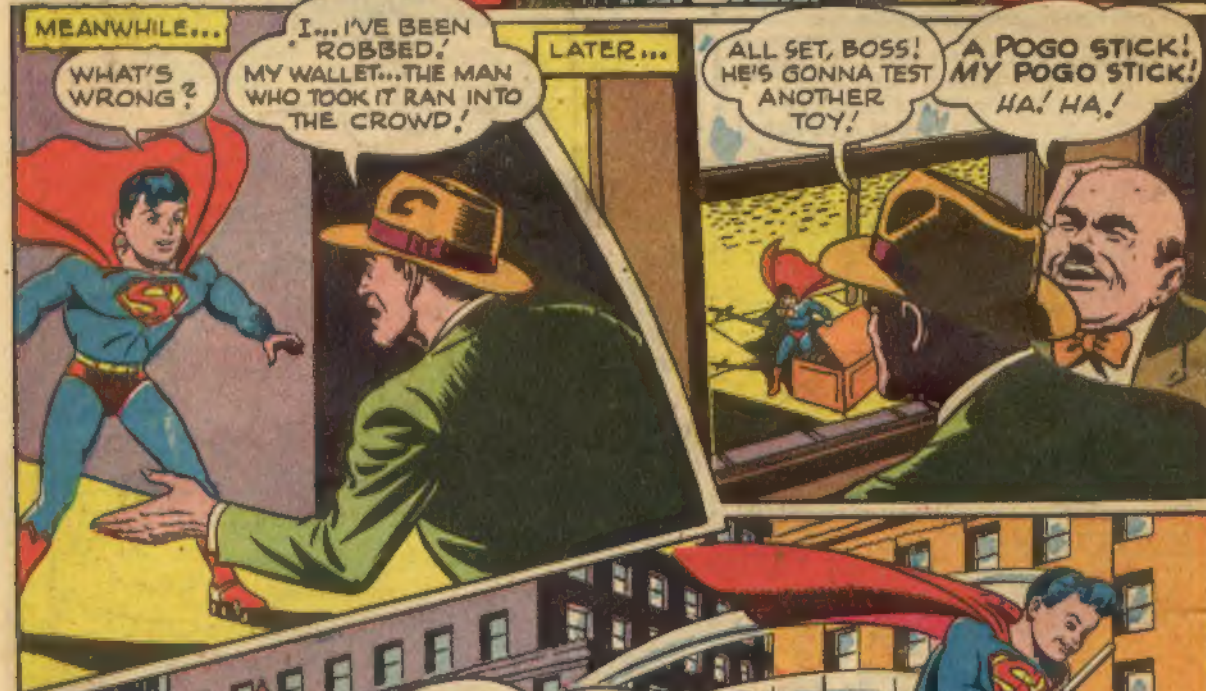
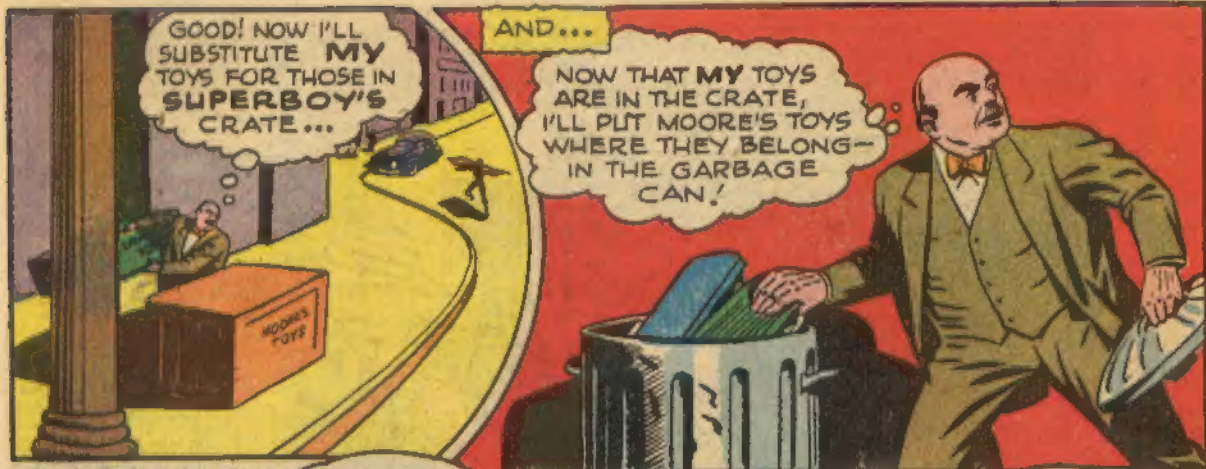
BUT, MR. MANTON,
HOW CAN I GIVE YOU
TEST FACTS WHEN
I HAVEN'T SOLD ANY
TOYS YET? WE'VE
JUST OPENED UP!

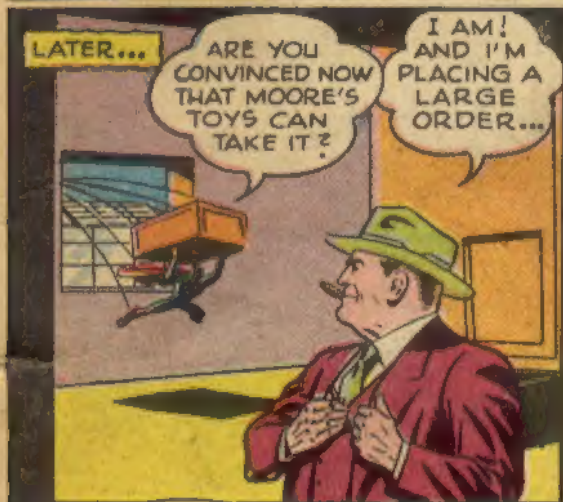
MOORE'S
TOUGH-WEAR TOYS

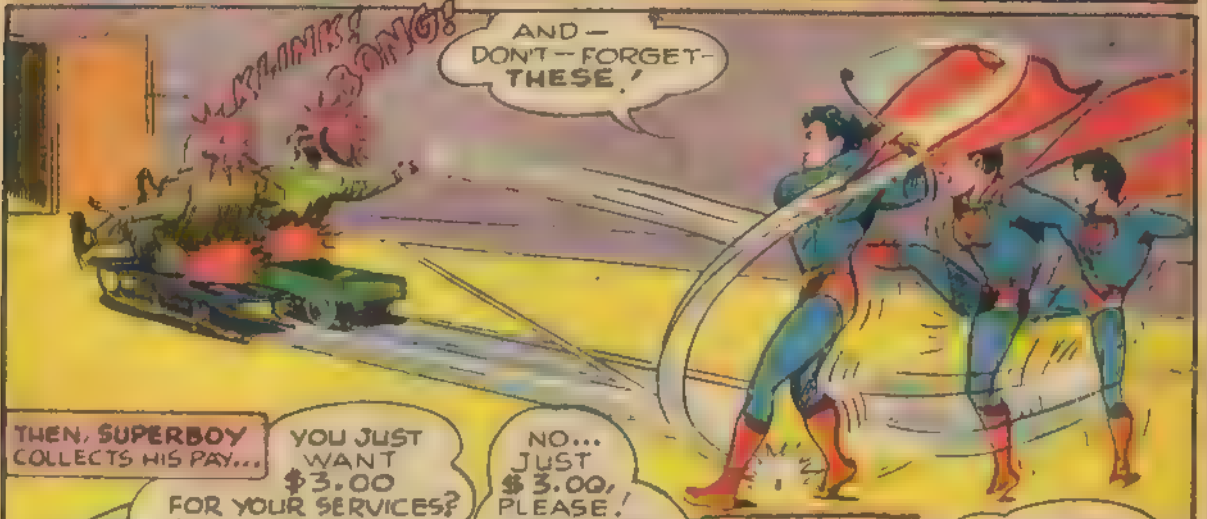
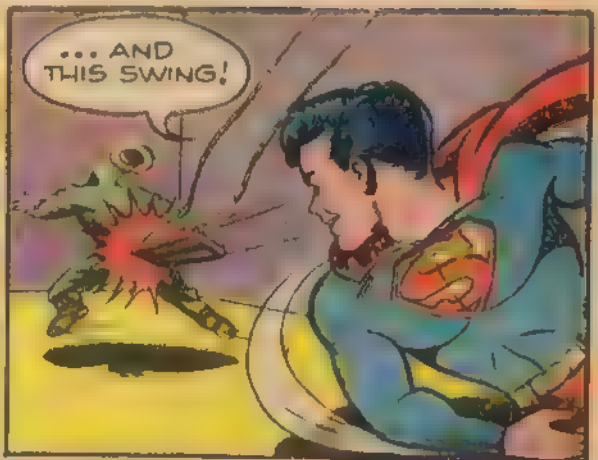
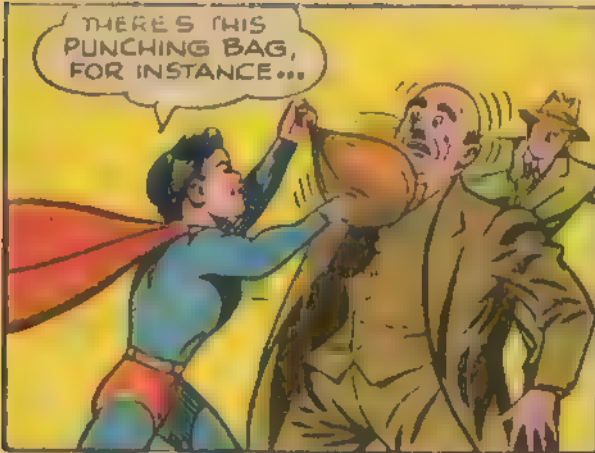












THEN, SUPERBOY COLLECTS HIS PAY...

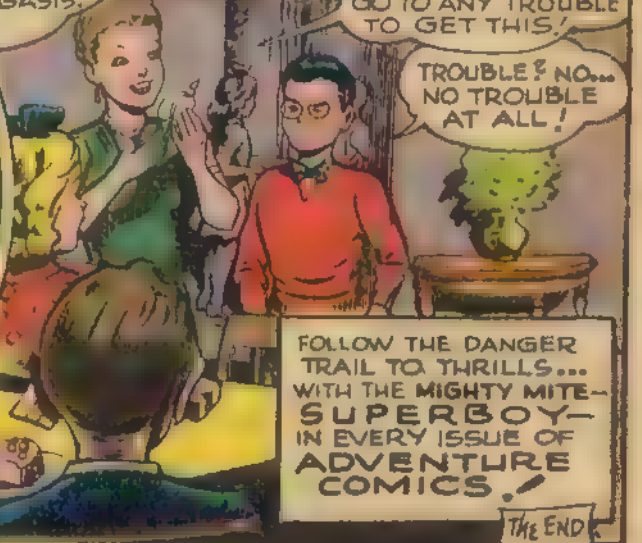
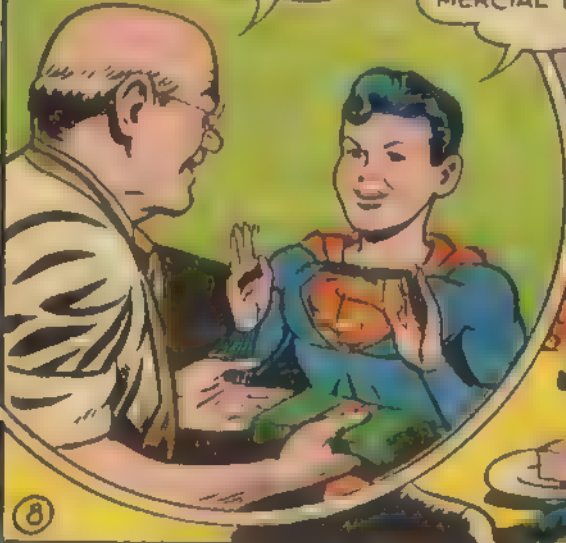
YOU JUST WANT \$3.00 FOR YOUR SERVICES? DON'T BE FOOLISH! HERE'S A HUNDRED... TWO HUNDRED...

NO... JUST \$3.00, PLEASE! I DON'T WANT TO PUT SUPERBOY ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS!

NEXT DAY... AT MISS BERRY'S PARTY...

OH, CLARK... HOW SWEET OF YOU! I HOPE YOU DIDN'T GO TO ANY TROUBLE TO GET THIS!

TROUBLE? NO... NO TROUBLE AT ALL!



FOLLOW THE DANGER TRAIL TO THRILLS... WITH THE MIGHTY MITE-SUPERBOY- IN EVERY ISSUE OF ADVENTURE COMICS.

THE END





THE GREEN ARROW

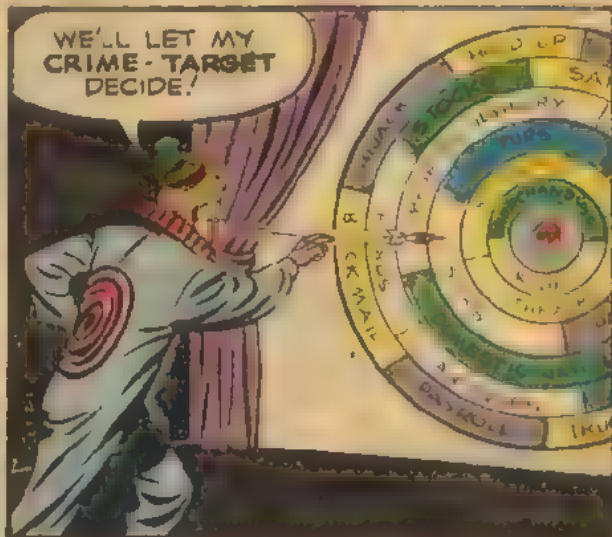


WEIRD AS THE WARPED MIND OF BULL'S-EYE HIMSELF IS THE LAIR IN WHICH HE DWELLS...

I'M BORED.. BORED! WHAT CRIME SHALL I COMMIT TO EXERCISE MY WITS?



WE'LL LET MY CRIME-TARGET DECIDE!



MY TARGET ORDERS MERCHANDISE! SO BE IT!

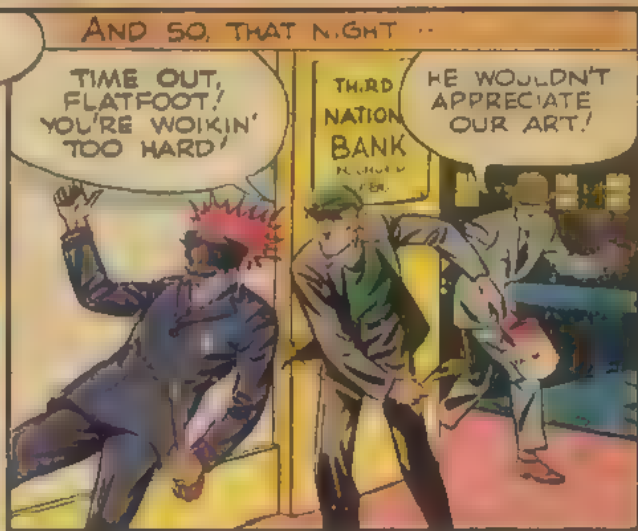


AND SO, THAT NIGHT...

TIME OUT, FLATFOOT! YOU'RE WORKIN' TOO HARD!

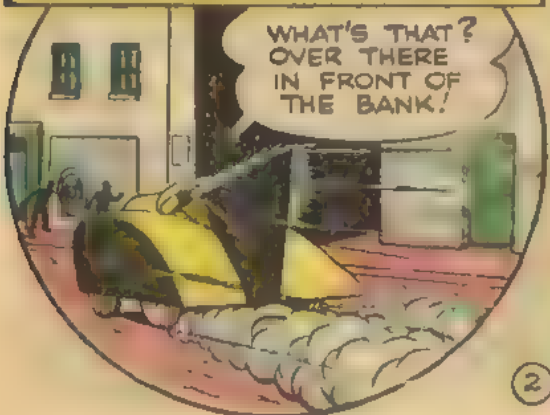
THIRD NATION BANK

HE WOULDN'T APPRECIATE OUR ART!



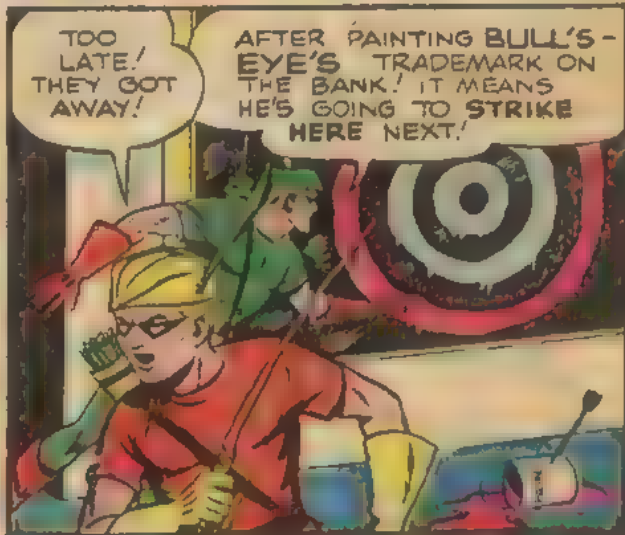
IT SO HAPPENS THAT THOSE ALERT CRIME CRUSHERS, THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY, ARE CRUISING THE QUIET STREETS...

WHAT'S THAT? OVER THERE IN FRONT OF THE BANK!



TOO LATE! THEY GOT AWAY!

AFTER PAINTING BULL'S-EYE'S TRADEMARK ON THE BANK! IT MEANS HE'S GOING TO STRIKE HERE NEXT!



SO NEXT DAY ... FROM THE WINDOW OF A BUILDING BESIDE THE BANK ...

BUT HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE TARGET ISN'T JUST A TRICK TO DRAW AWAY THE ATTENTION OF THE POLICE?

TIME WILL TELL, SPEEDY!



TIME DOES TELL, A SECOND LATER ...

THIS IS IT!

BOOM

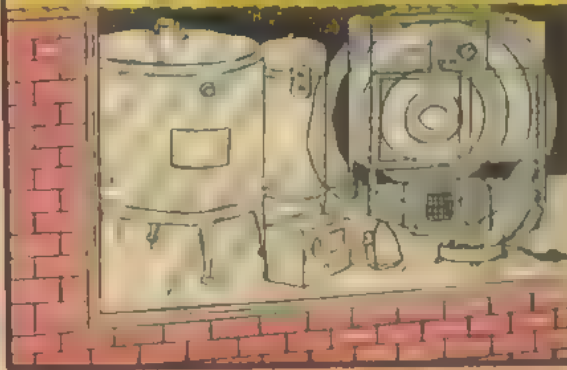
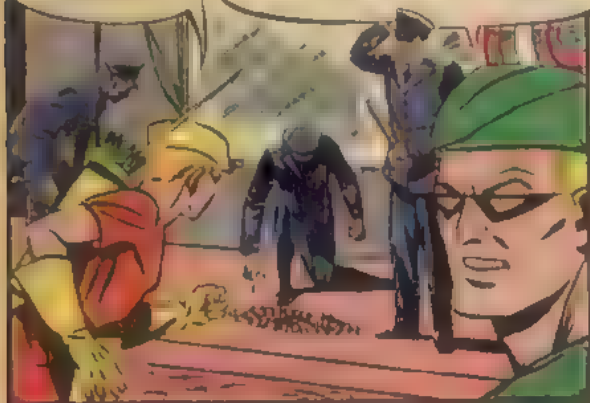
POLICE



THERE'S NO DAMAGE! IT WAS A TRICK!

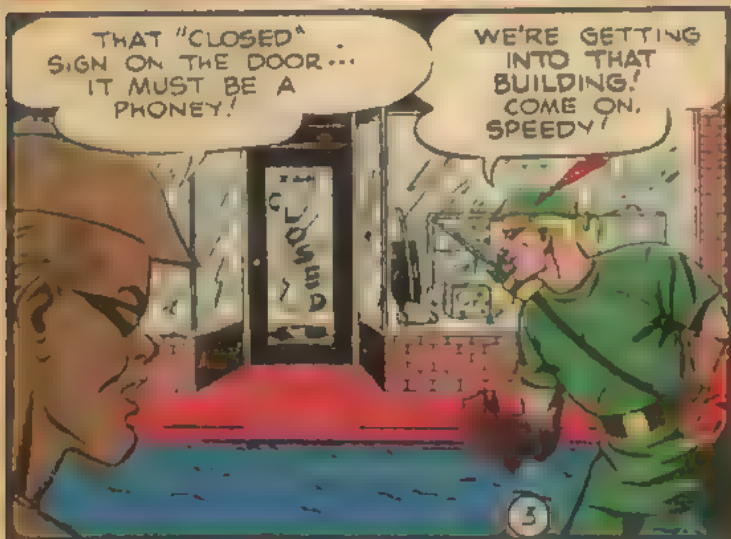
A HARMLESS TORPEDO... BUT THROWN FROM WHERE? LOOK... ACROSS THE STREET!

- AND NOW WE SEE THE REAL AIM OF BULL'S-EYE ... AN ELECTRICAL STORE MARKED WITH THE REFLECTION OF THE TARGET ON THE BANK ACROSS THE STREET ...



THAT "CLOSED" SIGN ON THE DOOR... IT MUST BE A PHONEY!

WE'RE GETTING INTO THAT BUILDING! COME ON, SPEEDY!



MOMENTS LATER ON A SIDE STREET, FROM THE POWERFUL CATAPULTS OF THE ARROWCAR ...



AT THAT MOMENT IN THE BIG STORE'S OFFICE...

THAT TORPEDO OUTSIDE WILL
DELAY THE COPS JUST LONG
ENOUGH!



HA-HA! THIS IS THE JACKPOT!
HIT THE BULL'S-EYE AND...



GLAD TO
OBLIGE!

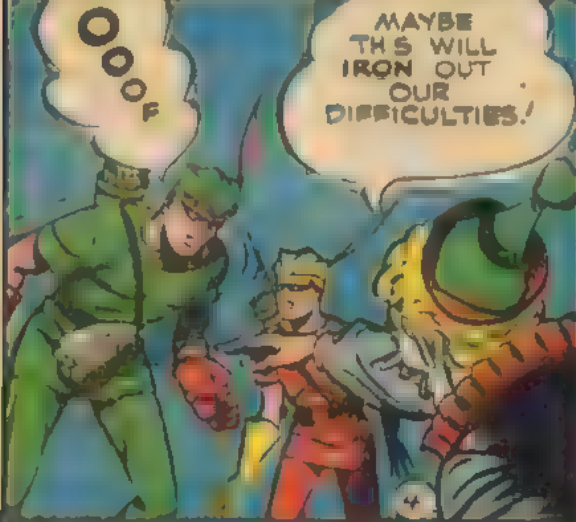
THE GREEN
ARROW!



YOU'RE RUFLING
MY TEMPER,
GREEN ARROW!



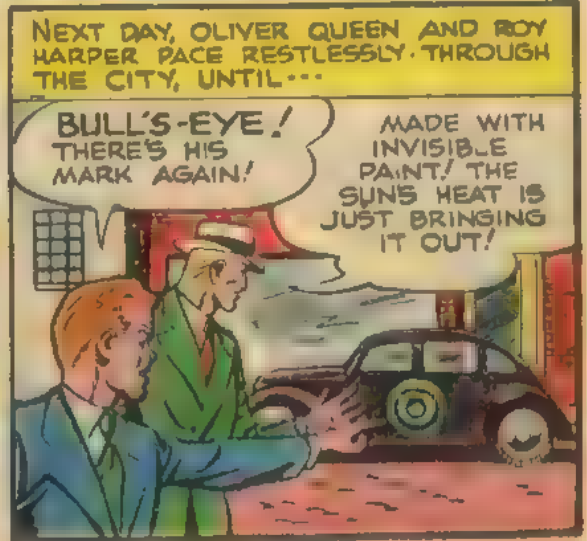
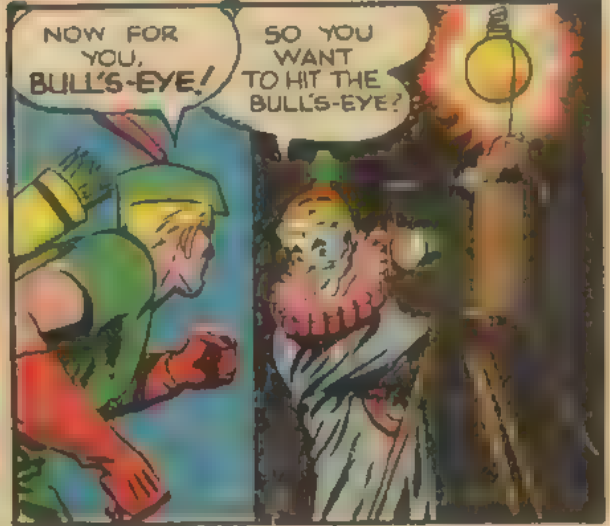
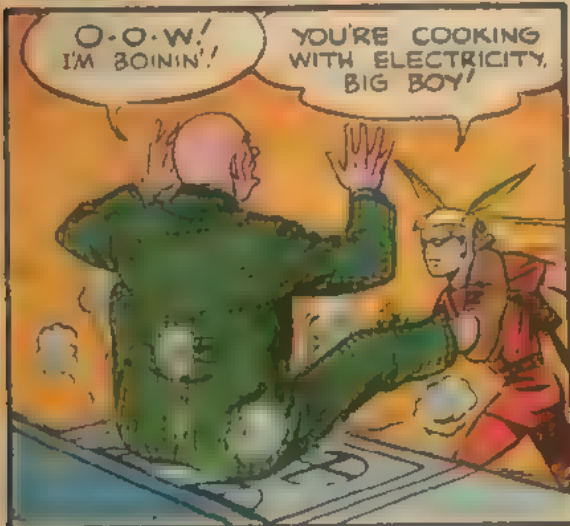
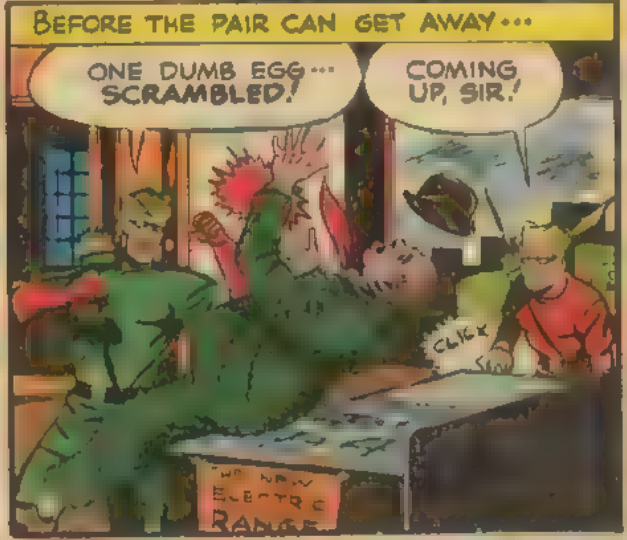
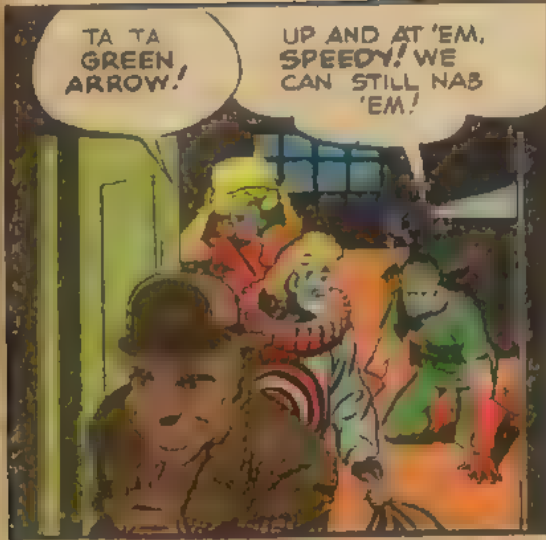
MAYBE
THIS WILL
IRON OUT
OUR
DIFFICULTIES!



SPEEDY LEAPS FORWARD, BUT ...

..AND THIS IS
GONNA PUT YOU
IN THE SHADE,
KID! HO-
HO-HO!







KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT TARGET ON YOUR CAR, MISTER?

NOPE! I'M BUSY TRACING A TRUCK OF ELECTRICAL GOODS FROM SCHENECTADY. IT MUST GET HERE BEFORE OUR SHOW OPENS TOMORROW!

THAT TAUNTING TARGET... WHAT DOES IT MEAN THIS TIME?

IT'S ANOTHER OF BULL'S-EYE'S TRICKS!

RIGHT, ROY... BUT THIS TIME THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY WILL TRUMP THAT TRICK!

DARKNESS FALLS AS A HEAVILY LOADED TRUCK STRIVES TO MAKE UP LOST TIME ON ITS WAY TO THE CITY... WHEN SUDDENLY, AROUND A BEND IN THE ROAD...

I CAN'T SEE! I CAN'T SEE A THING!

HOP OUT OF THAT SEAT! BULL'S-EYE'S TAKING OVER FROM HERE!

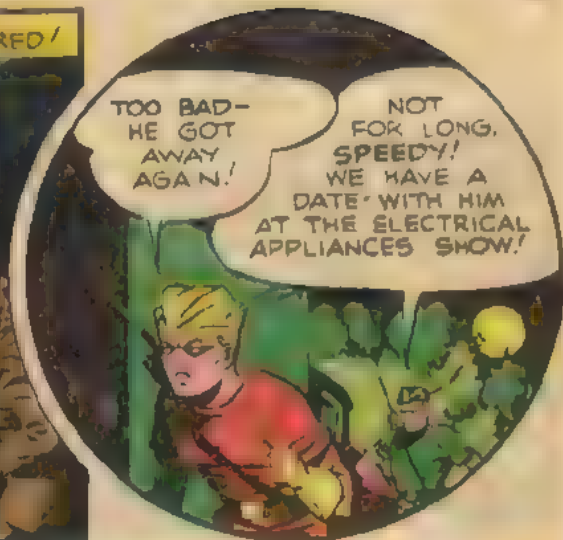
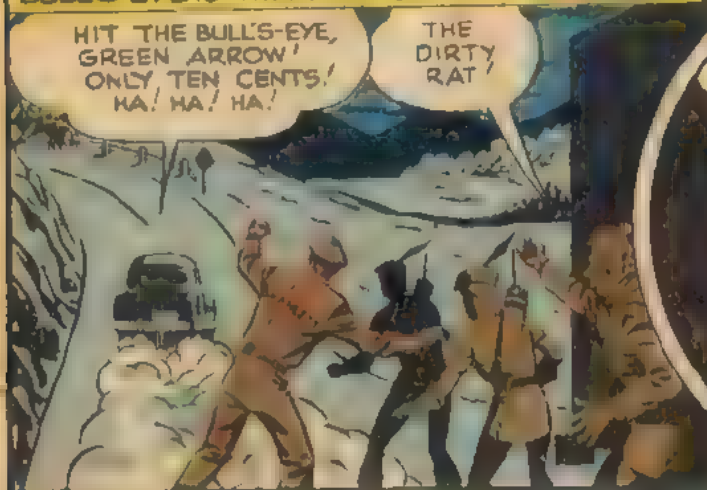
BUT OUT OF THE DARKNESS...

IT'S THE GREEN ARROW AGAIN!

RIGHT YOU ARE! HITTING THE BULL'S-EYE WHERE IT HURTS!

DON'T YOU KNOW HIJACKING IS OUT OF SEASON?

BULL'S-EYE IS THWARTED BUT NOT CAPTURED!



NEXT MORNING .. IN THE OFFICE OF THE ELECTRICAL SHOW'S MANAGER ..



THE SHOW IS OVER THEY'RE COUNTING THE RECEIPTS! COME ON, BOYS!

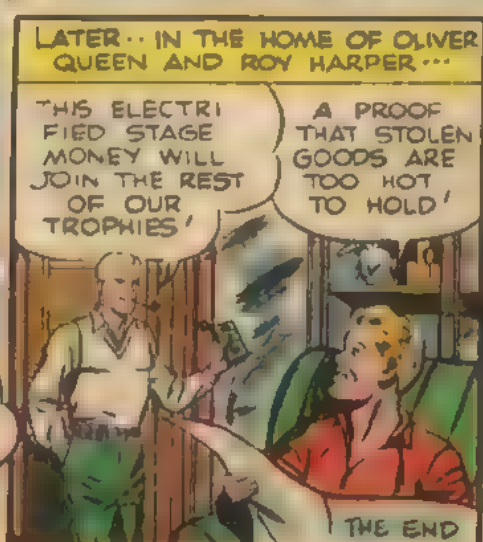
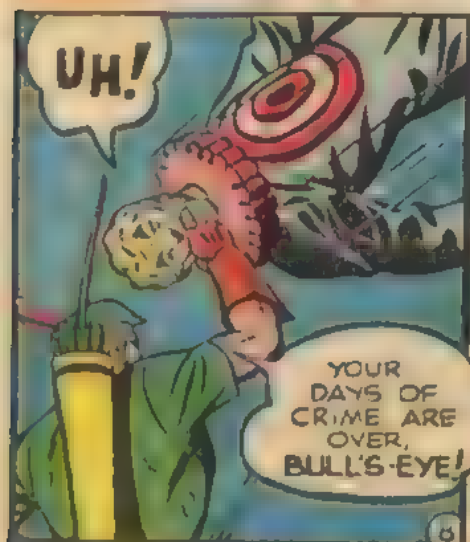
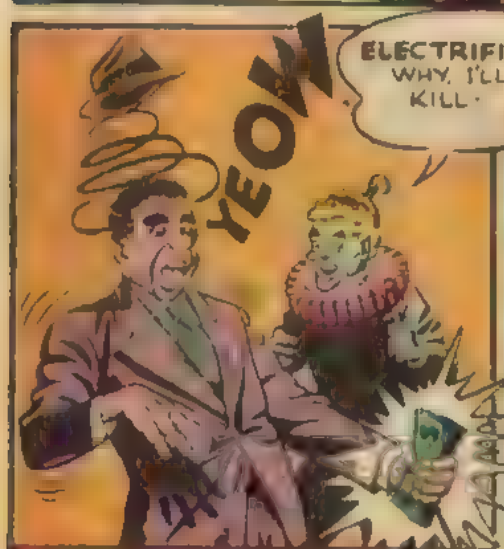


UP WITH YOUR HANDS! WE'RE TAKING OVER



IN A CONTROL BOOTH OVER LOOKING THE SCENE ..



**GREEN
ARROW**SCORES A
BULL'S-EYE
FOR**ACTION**IN EVERY
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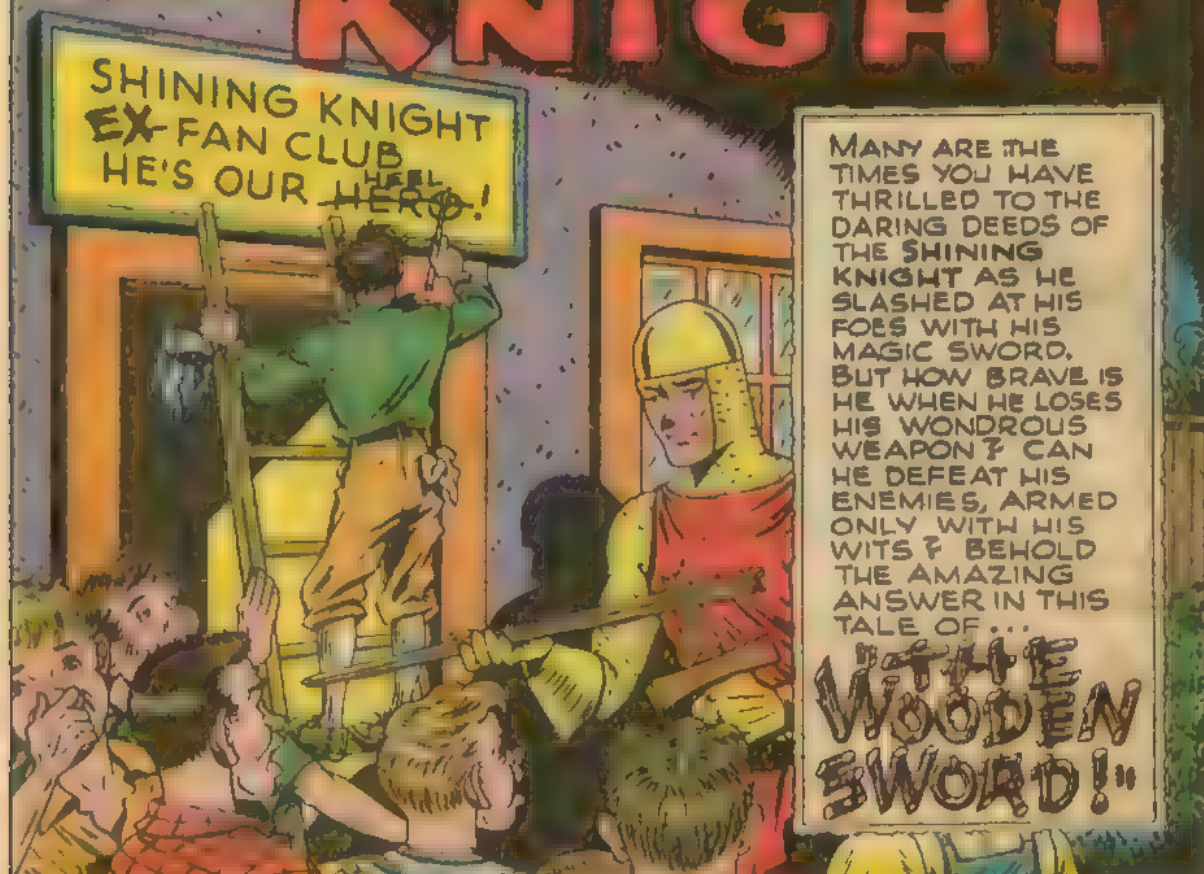
WELCOME TO THE MEETING

THE MEETING IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE BUSINESS. IT IS A PLACE WHERE WE CAN DISCUSS OUR CURRENT SITUATION AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS A PLACE WHERE WE CAN SHARE OUR IDEAS AND LISTEN TO THE OPINIONS OF OTHERS. IT IS A PLACE WHERE WE CAN BUILD A STRONG TEAM AND ACHIEVE OUR GOALS.



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The SHINING KNIGHT



DR. MORESBY, MUSEUM CURATOR, AND HIS ASSISTANT, JUSTIN—ALIAS THE SHINING KNIGHT—ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR YOUNG FRIEND, KERRY...

I LOSE MY RIGHT ARM IN AN ACCIDENT, AND THEY GIVE ME THIS GADGET, AND I USED TO BE A MECHANIC!

YOU CAN STILL BE ONE—IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE!

LISTEN, JUSTIN, I'VE GOT THE COURAGE TO KNOW MY CAREER IS WHERE THERE'S EASY MONEY—AND I'M GOING TO TAKE IT.



LATER, IN A BACK ROOM OF THE MUSEUM...

GOING TO RESCUE A LAD!
A LAD!
DISTRESS? IF KERRY WILL
NOT HEED OUR
ADVICE, MAYBE HE WILL
LISTEN TO THE SHINING
KNIGHT!

AS JUSTIN
DONS HIS
ANCIENT
GARB, HIS
TONGUE
ALSO DONS
THE QUIANT
STYLE OF
SPEECH OF
DAYS OF
KNIGHTHOOD,
WHEN HE
WAS A
MEMBER
OF KING
ARTHUR'S
ROUND
TABLE...

THEN, ON WINGED VICTORY, HE
GALLOPS ACROSS THE SKIES

HOLD! THERE IS
BANDITRY BELOW!



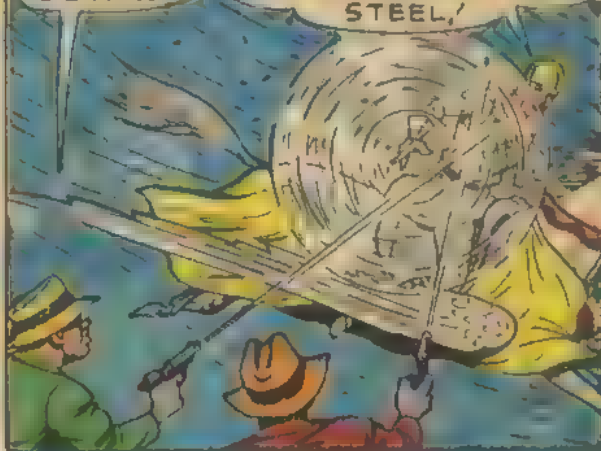
AND THE FAMED SWORD, FORGED BY
MAGICIAN MERLIN'S MAGIC,
SWINGS IN A DAZZLING ARC!

HAVE AT THEE,
BASE ROGUES!

(GULP) TH'
SHINING
KNIGHT!

PLUG HIM!
CUT HIM
DOWN!

FOOLS! MY TWIRL-
ING BLADE DEFENDS
ME WITH A WALL OF
STEEL!



HERE IS STEEL MEDICINE
FOR WEAK STOMACHS!

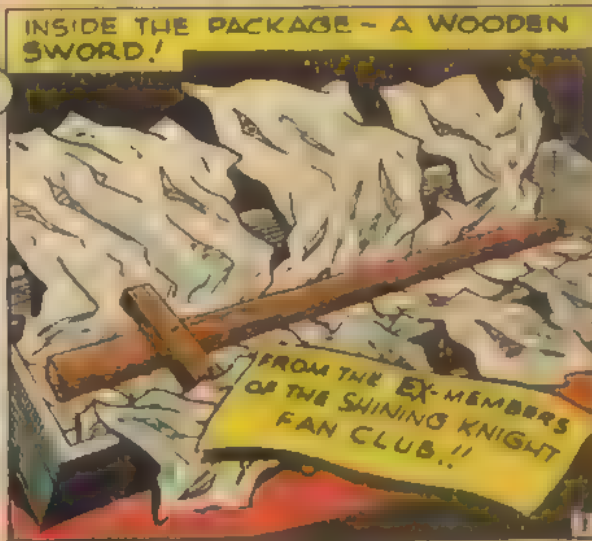
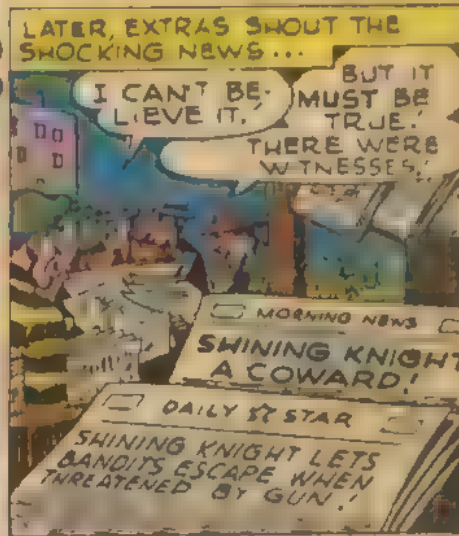
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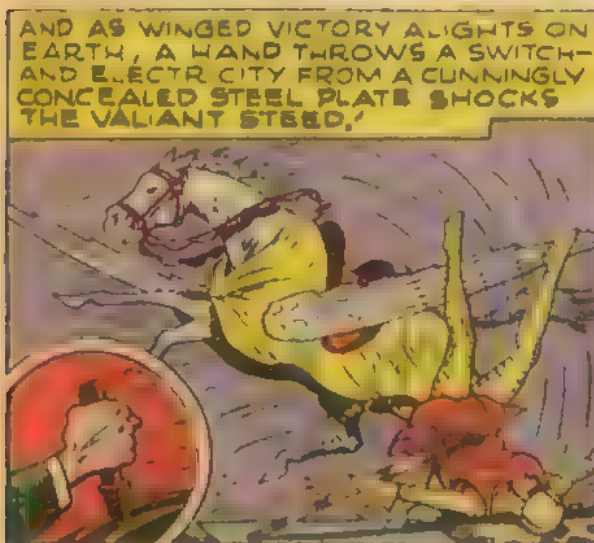
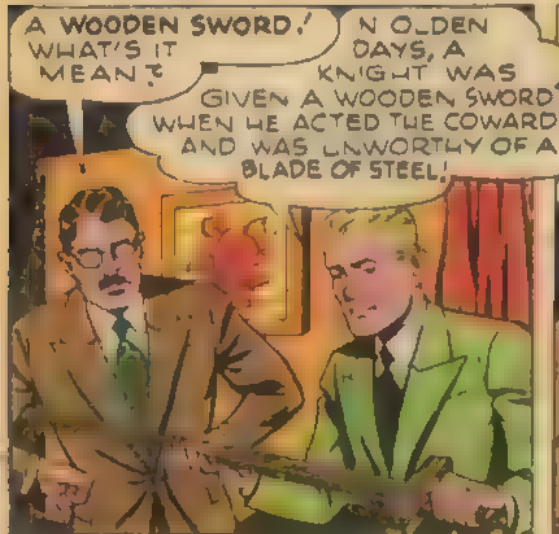


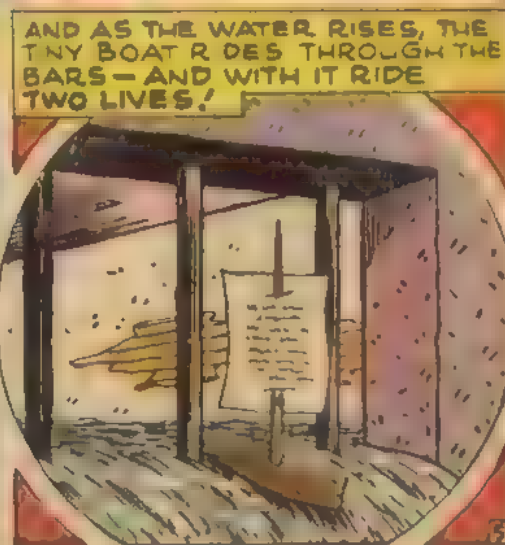
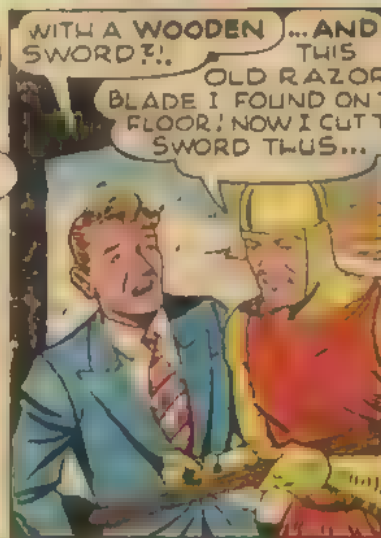
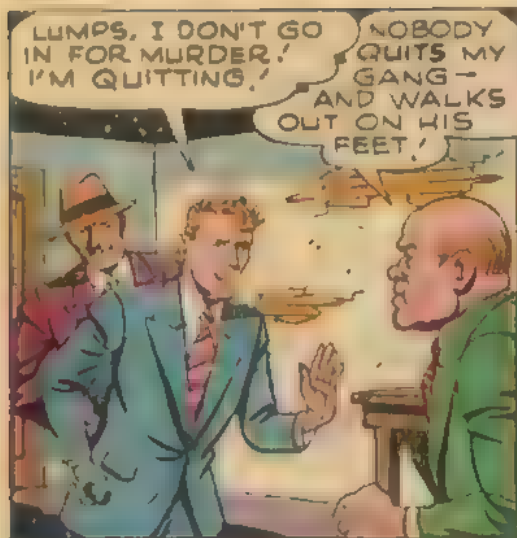
KERRY!



SHOCKED, THE SHINING KNIGHT LOOSENS
THE GRIP ON HIS SWORD AND...







TRUE, STRAIGHT, THE TINY SHIP
SAILS HER COURSE—OUTWARD
BOUND...

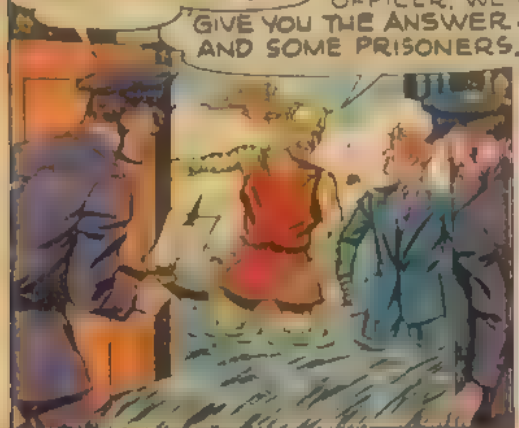


... DOWN TOWARD THE GUTTERS OF THE
CITY WHERE A SMALL BOY SEES IT!

WHAT A KEEN LITTLE
BOAT! GOLLY... IT'S GOT
WRITING ON ITS SAIL...



AND LATER... 'SHINING KNIGHT!!
WE GOT YOUR
MESSAGE. WHO LOCKED
YOU IN HERE?



OFFICER, WE WILL
GIVE YOU THE ANSWER...
AND SOME PRISONERS!

AIDED BY KERRY, THE SHINING KNIGHT
LOCATES THE GANG, AND...



YOU!!

YES...
TWO MEN
ON A
HORSE!

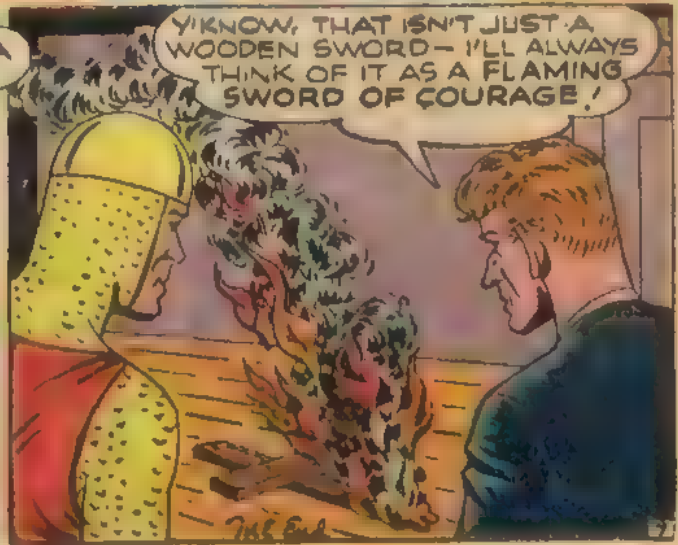
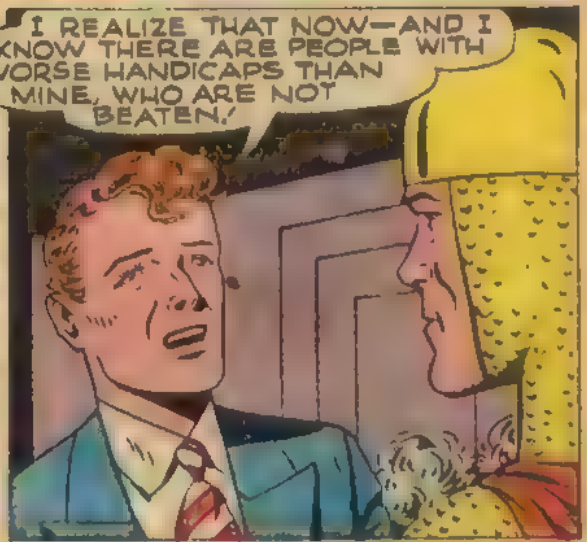
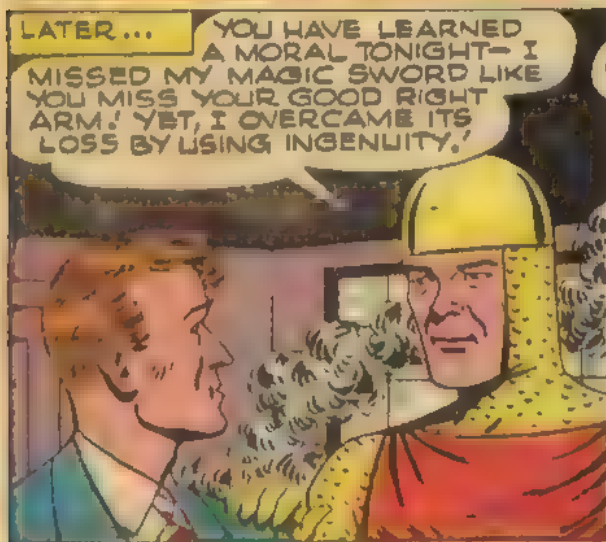
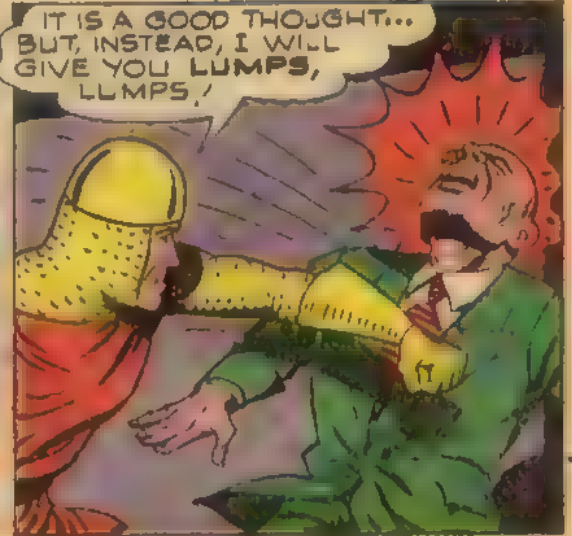
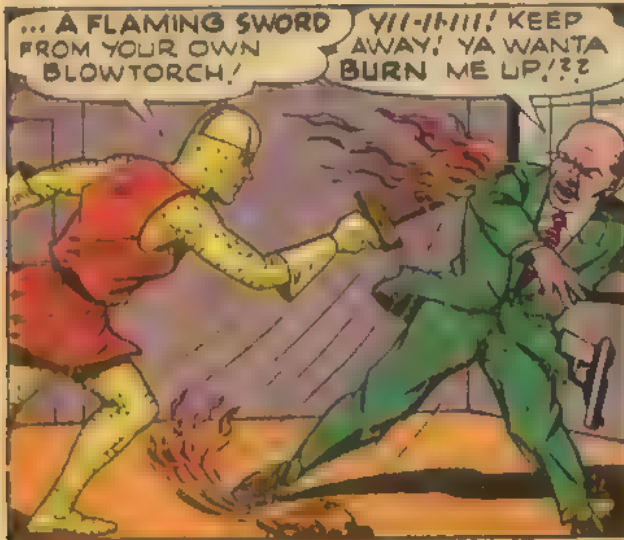
I OWE YOU THAT FOR
THE KNOT YOU PUT
ON MY HEAD!



HOLD IT, CHUMP—OR DO
YA THINK YOU'RE GONNA
SCARE ME WITH THAT
WOODEN SWORD?

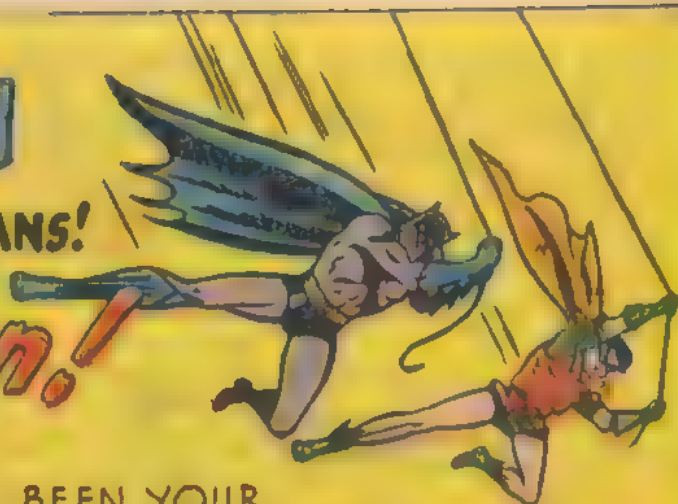
YOU FORGET,
LOUD-MOULTHED
LOUT, THAT A
WOODEN SWORD
MAY BECOME...





BATMAN
AND ROBIN FANS!

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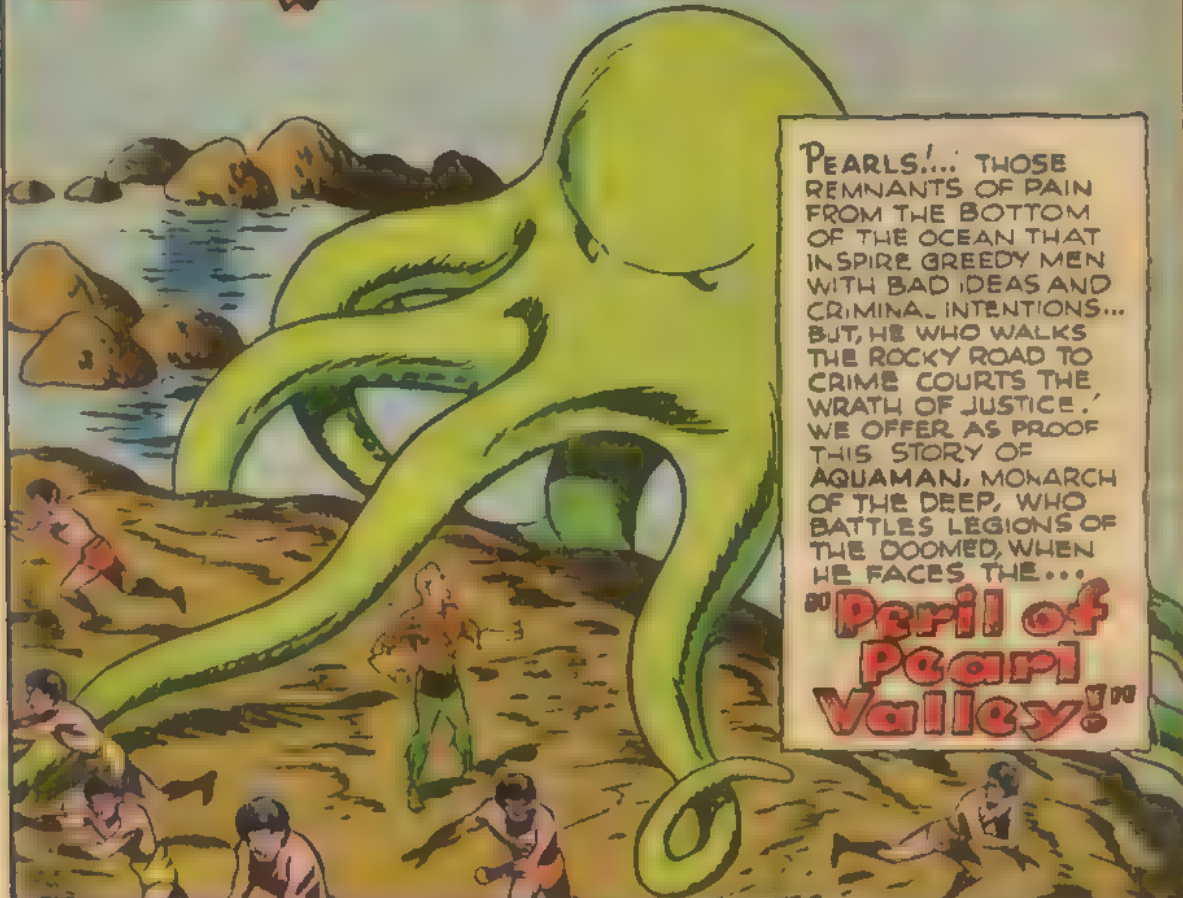


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AQUAMAN



PEARLS!... THOSE REMNANTS OF PAIN FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN THAT INSPIRE GREEDY MEN WITH BAD IDEAS AND CRIMINAL INTENTIONS... BUT, HE WHO WALKS THE ROCKY ROAD TO CRIME COURTS THE WRATH OF JUSTICE. WE OFFER AS PROOF THIS STORY OF AQUAMAN, MONARCH OF THE DEEP, WHO BATTLES LEGIONS OF THE DOOMED, WHEN HE FACES THE...

"Peril of Pearl Valley!"

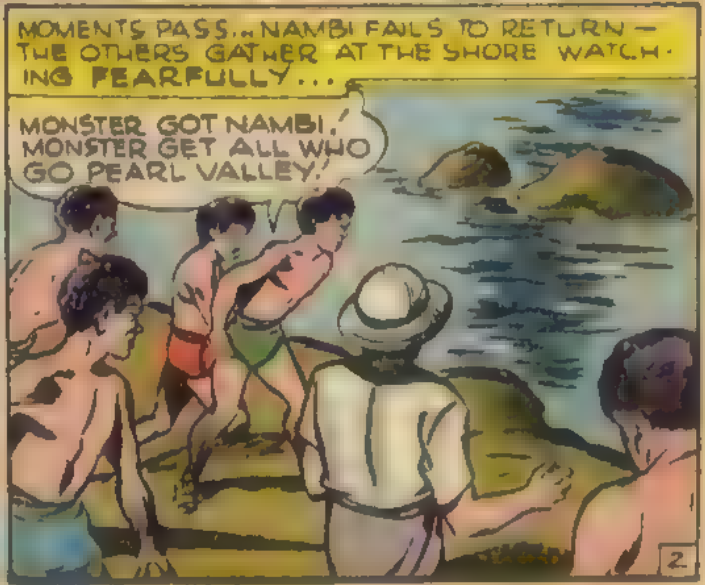
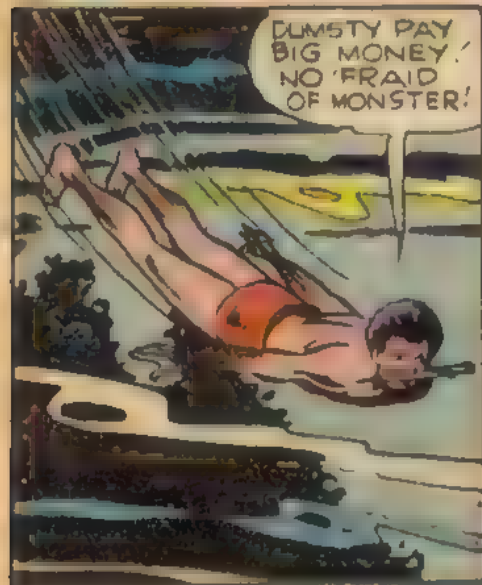
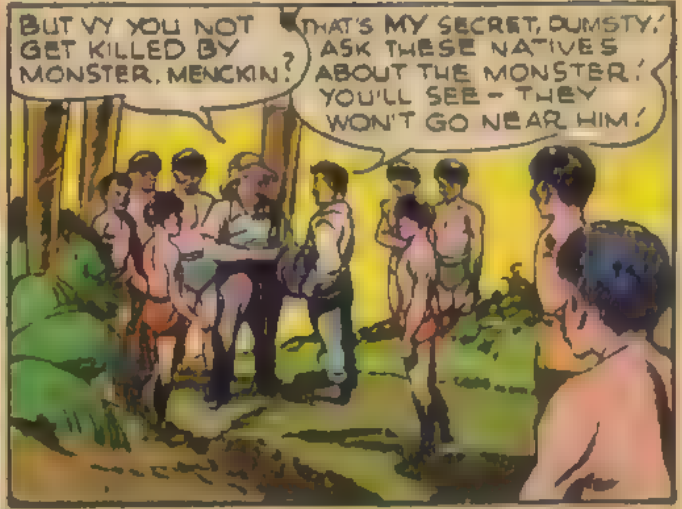
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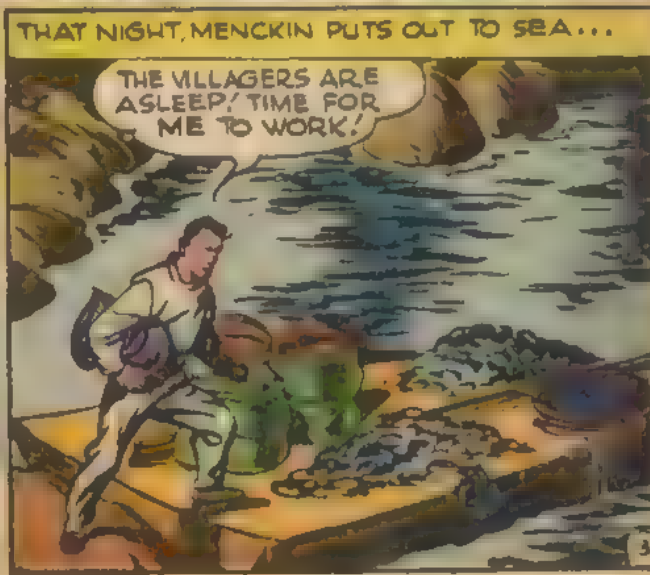
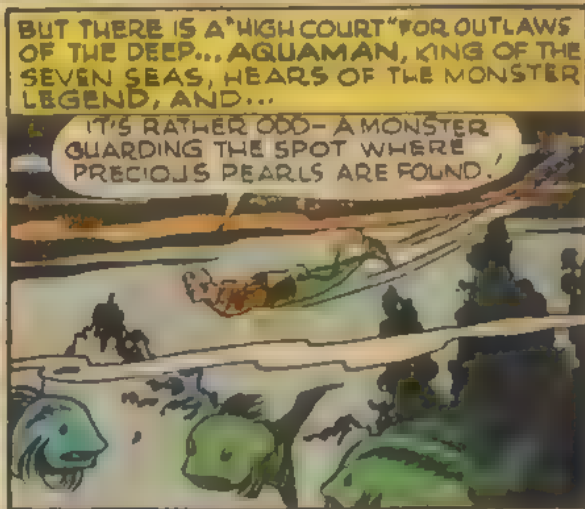
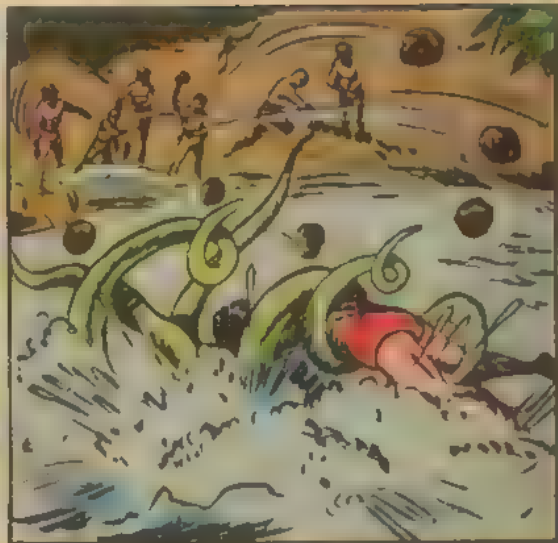
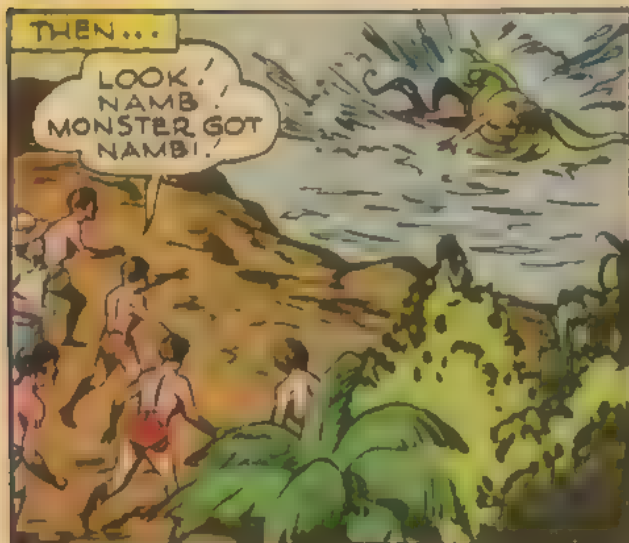
YOU'RE A BUYER, DUMSTY! YOU KNOW GOOD PEARLS...

JA! TRUE, MENCKIN! SHOW DEM TO ME, JA?

THERE YOU ARE, DUMSTY... FRESH OUT OF PEARL VALLEY! WHAT AM I OFFERED?

ACH! LIKE STARS DEY ARE, MENCKIN! I GIFF \$0.000 FOR DEM!



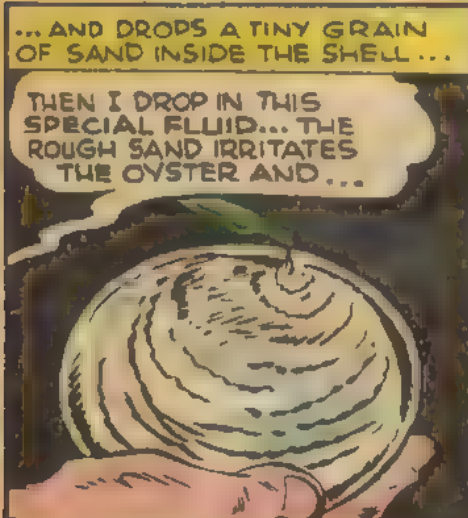




IT'S THE FIND OF THE AGE! AND I ALONE HAVE THE SECRET OF CULTIVATING PEARLS THAT FAR SURPASS NATURAL ONES IN BEAUTY!



WITH A SHARP KNIFE, HE OPENS THE OYSTER ...

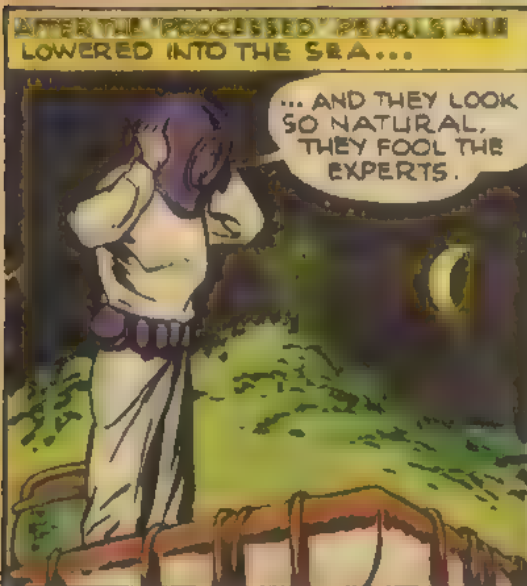


... AND DROPS A TINY GRAIN OF SAND INSIDE THE SHELL ...

THEN I DROP IN THIS SPECIAL FLUID... THE ROUGH SAND IRRITATES THE OYSTER AND ...



... THE OYSTER THROWS OFF A FLUID TO COVER THE GRAIN OF SAND— AND THE FLUID BUILDS A WALL OF MOTHER-OF-PEARL AROUND THE SAND AND THAT MAKES THE PEARL. BUT MY CULTURED PEARLS ARE MORE LUSTROUS AND LARGER THAN NATURAL ONES DUE TO THIS SPECIAL FLUID I INSERT.



AFTER THE 'PROCESSED' PEARLS ARE LOWERED INTO THE SEA ...

... AND THEY LOOK SO NATURAL, THEY FOOL THE EXPERTS.



BUT AS MENCKIN LOWERS HIMSELF INTO THE SEA, A PAIR OF EYES OBSERVE HIS EVERY MOVE...

I'LL BE RICH BEFORE ANYONE CAN LEARN MY SECRET— IF ANYONE EVER DOES.

SOMEBODY IS ABOUT TO LEARN YOUR SECRET RIGHT NOW!



SUDDENLY MENCKIN TURNS,
AND ...

AQUAMAN!
TRAILING ME.



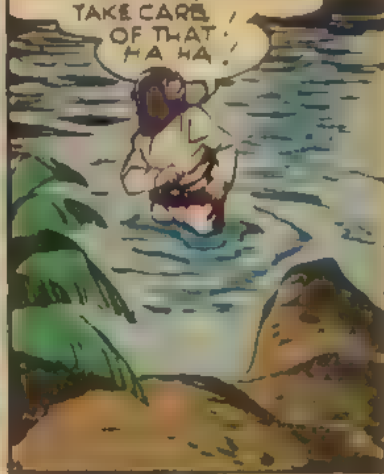
RELEASING LEAD WEIGHTS
FROM HIS SHOES, THE
PEARL MAN SHOOTS UPWARD!

SO AQUAMAN
SUSPECTS MY
GAME, OR IS
HE HERE BY
ACCIDENT?



IN ANY EVENT, HE'LL DIS-
COVER MY SECRET. BUT
WHEN HE DOES—WELL, HE
WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM!
THE MONSTER WILL

TAKE CARE
OF THAT!
HA HA!

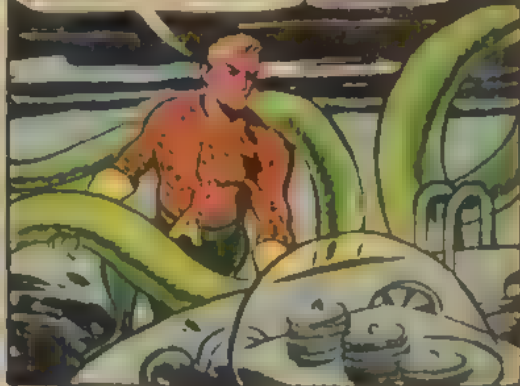


AND DOWN BELOW...

SO THAT'S
THE
MONSTER!



STEEL CABLES THAT
ACT AS "TENTACLES"
AND MOVED BY THAT
SEALED-IN MOTOR.



SURE, THAT'S IT! MENCKIN PROBABLY
HAS A SWITCH ON SHORE. WHEN
THE NATIVES DIVE DOWN, HE TURNS
ON THE POWER. THE MACHINE
REVOLVES, THROWING THE CABLES
ABOUT—KILLING ANYTHING
WITHIN REACH!



AT THAT MOMENT...

OKAY, AQUAMAN,
MEET MY PET—
IN ACTION!





AS THE DEADLY MACHINE'S SET IN MOTION...



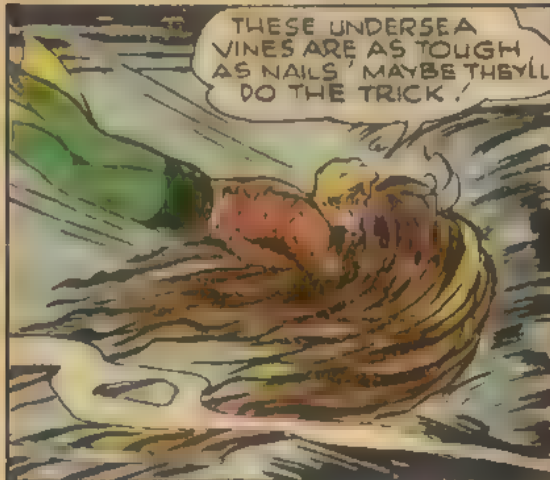
HE'S STARTED THE MOTOR!

...STEEL CABLES FLAIL THE WATER, BUT AQUAMAN, POSSESSING THE SPEED OF HIS FINNY FRIENDS, LEAPS NIMBLY ASIDE...

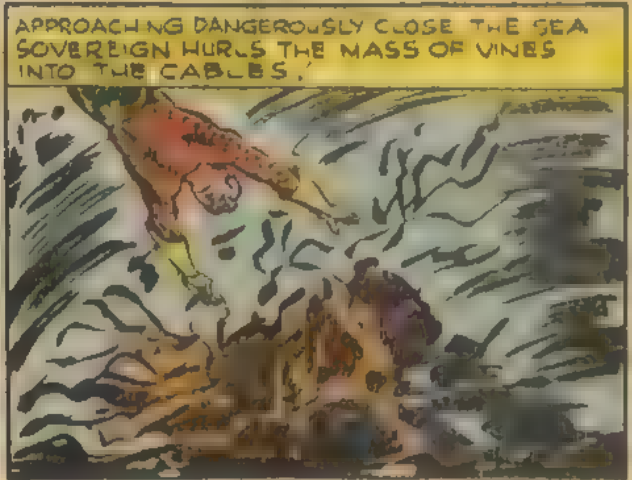


GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE—FAST!

ONE CHANCE IN A HUNDRED...BUT I'VE GOT TO TIE UP THOSE CABLES AND REACH THAT MOTOR!

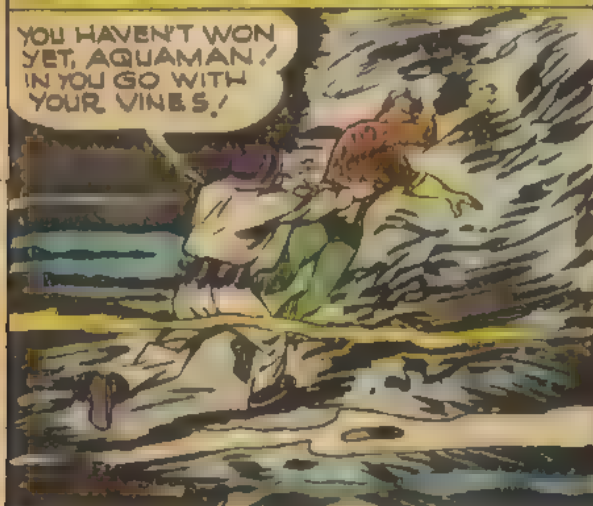


THESE UNDERSEA VINES ARE AS TOUGH AS NAILS, MAYBE THEY'LL DO THE TRICK!



APPROACHING DANGEROUSLY CLOSE THE SEA SOVEREIGN HURLS THE MASS OF VINES INTO THE CABLES.

THEN MENCKIN REAPPEARS ON THE SCENE...



YOU HAVEN'T WON YET, AQUAMAN! IN YOU GO WITH YOUR VINES!

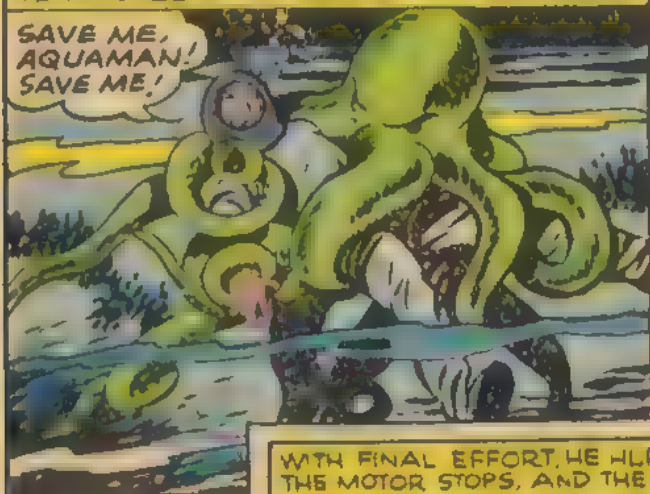


DIE, AQUAMAN! YOU WOULD RUIN ME, EH? THEN DIE, LIKE THE FOOL YOU ARE! HA, HA, I'VE WON, AFTER ALL!



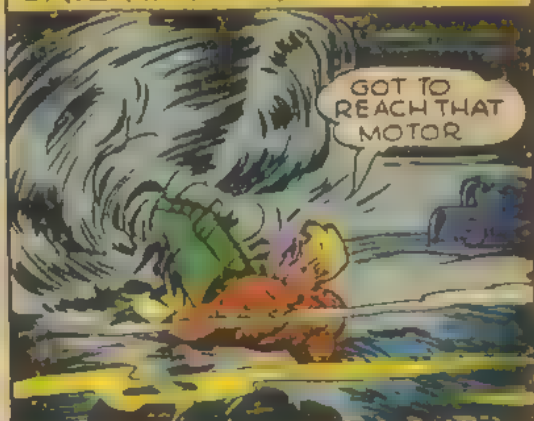
THEN, MENCKIN, CRAZED WITH JOY, BACKS INTO A REAL KILLER OCTOPUS. AND AS STRONG TENTACLES GRASP HIM IN A DEATH HUG...

SAVE ME, AQUAMAN! SAVE ME!



BUT AQUAMAN, CAUGHT IN MENCKIN'S FIENDISH DEVICE, IS FIGHTING TO SAVE HIMSELF!

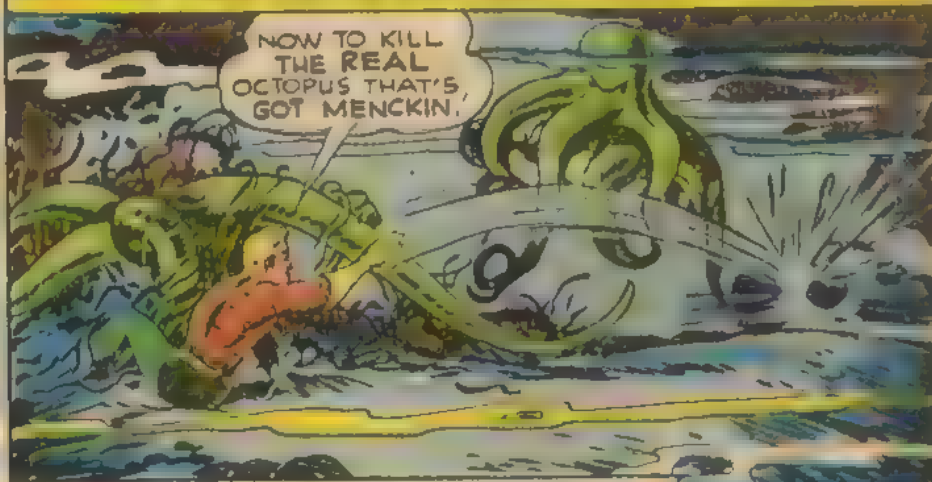
GOT TO REACH THAT MOTOR



WITH FINAL EFFORT, HE HURLS THE STONE. THE SEAL IS SMASHED, THE MOTOR STOPS, AND THE MECHANICAL "MONSTER" DIES.

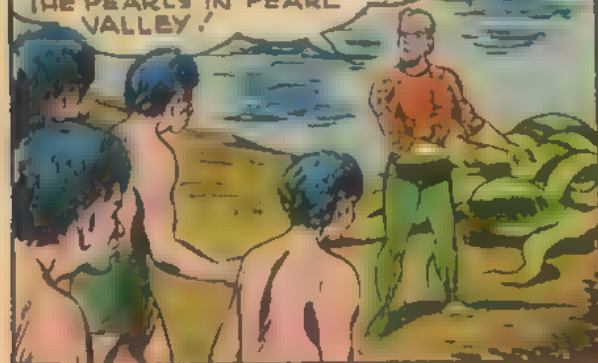
CAN'T BREAK LOOSE! BUT—MAYBE THIS STONE—

NOW TO KILL THE REAL OCTOPUS THAT'S GOT MENCKIN.



YES, BESTING A KILLER OCTOPUS IS EASY FOR THE MONARCH OF THE DEEP. BUT HE IS TOO LATE TO SAVE MENCKIN, WHO DIED IN HIS OWN TRAP. LATER...

THERE'S YOUR "MONSTER": YOU WILL NO LONGER BE MOLESTED! ALL OF YOU MAY NOW SHARE THE PEARLS IN PEARL VALLEY!



AND HERE'S THE JOKER... THE MUD BELOW MENCKIN'S GARDEN OF CULTURED PEARLS IS FILLED WITH OYSTERS HAVING NATURAL PEARLS. BUT A CROOKED MIND SELDOM SEES THE STRAIGHT WAY TO SUCCESS!



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Figure 1





Johnny Quick

and his
MAGIC
FORMULA



TUBBY WATTS DOESN'T DREAM HE'S WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN PEARLS TILL A QUIRK OF FATE PLUNKS HIM DOWN ON AN AMAZING SOUTH SEA ISLAND WHERE THE CHUBBY CHIM OF JOHNNY CHAMBERS, ACE NEWSREEL CAMERAMAN, BECOMES KING FOR AN HOUR...AND BEFORE HIS UNEASY HEAD CAN SHED THE CROWN, ANOTHER MONARCH, JOHNNY CHAMBERS, KING OF SPEED, MUST PERFORM LIGHTNING-SWIFT MIRACLES TO SAVE THE HONOR-AND THE HEAD-OF HIS MAJESTY—

'The Sultan of Flatbush Atoll!'



OFF THEIR COURSE IN A TROPIC STORM, JOHNNY CHAMBERS AND TUBBY WATTS, NEWSREEL CAMERAMEN, ARE IN TROUBLE!

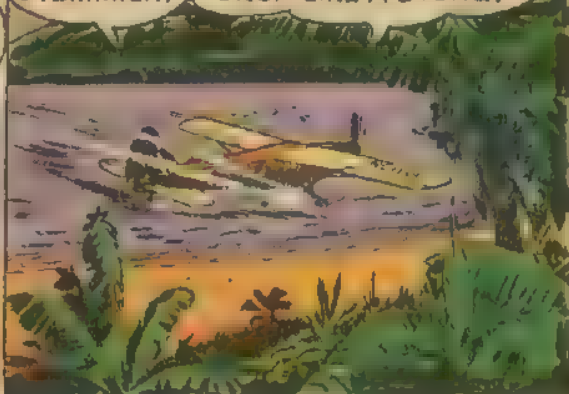
OUT OF GAS! IF I CAN'T MAKE THAT TINY ISLAND AHEAD, TUBBY, THE PLANE WILL SINK WITH ALL OUR TRAVELOGUE FILM AND CAMERAS!

NOT TO MENTION OUR GRUB- AND US!



EASY, JOHNNY! YOU'LL UPSET MY STUMMICK!

WITH THE LOAD WE'RE CARRYING-AND I DO MEAN YOU, TUBBY-IT'S A WONDER WE DIDN'T DROP LIKE A STONE!



A DESERT ISLAND, I'LL BET! WE'LL STARVE-

LISTEN! I HEAR A RADIO-TUNED IN ON A JAZZ PROGRAM! AND LOOK!



THAT'S A RESERVOIR AND A WATERWORKS SYSTEM WITH BAMBOO PIPES!

THAT MEANS PEOPLE-AND FOOD! I FEEL BETTER ALREADY!

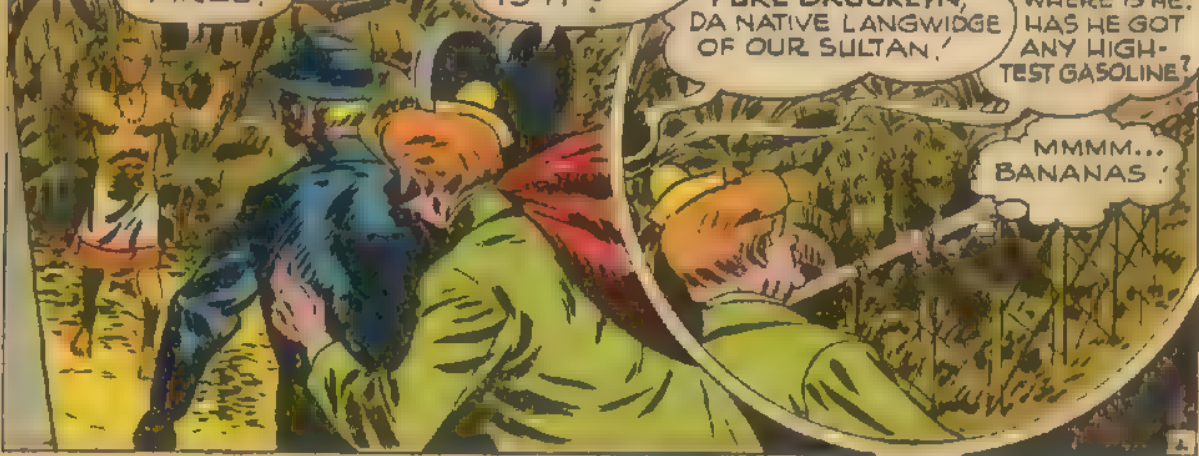


A WATERWORKS AIN'T ALL WE GOT, PALS! WE GOT A POWER SYSTEM AN' OTHER HIGH-CLASS T'INGS!

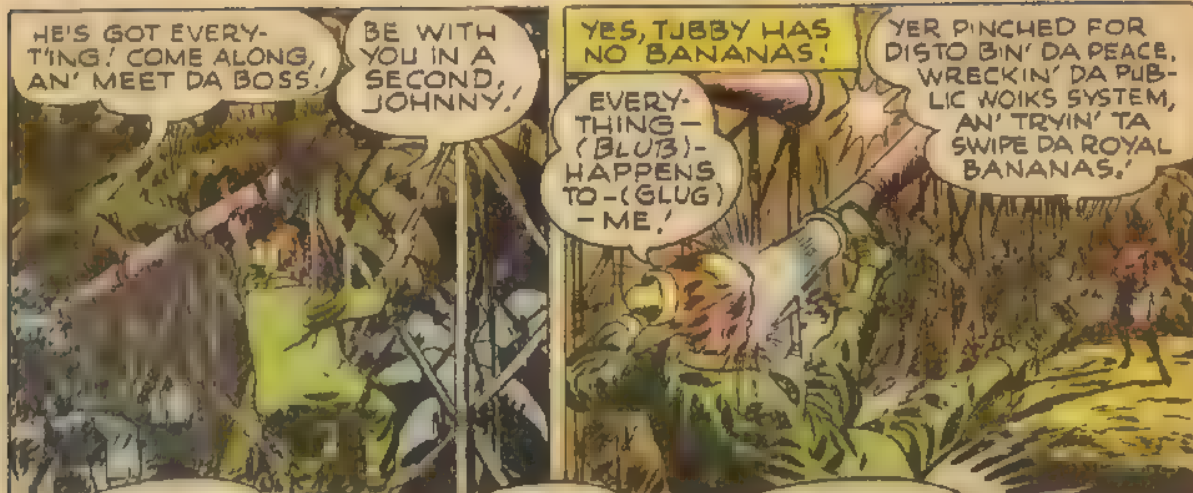
HUH?... THAT'S ENGLISH YOU'RE SPEAKING-OR IS IT?

ENGLISH, NUTTIN'! HERE ON FLATBUSH ATOLL WE SPEAK PURE BROOKLYN, DA NATIVE LANGWIDGE OF OUR SULTAN!

YOUR SULTAN-FROM BROOKLYN? WHERE IS HE? HAS HE GOT ANY HIGH-TEST GASOLINE?



MMMM... BANANAS



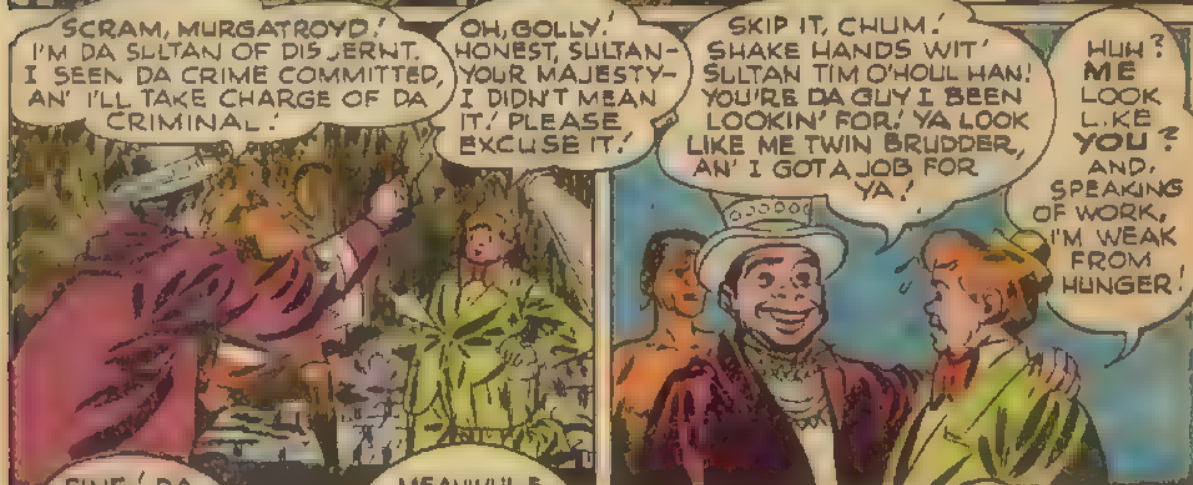
HE'S GOT EVERY-
T'ING! COME ALONG,
AN' MEET DA BOSS!

BE WITH
YOU IN A
SECOND,
JOHNNY!

YES, TIBBY HAS
NO BANANAS!

EVERY-
THING -
(BLUB)-
HAPPENS
TO -(GLUG)-
ME!

YER PINCHED FOR
DISTO BIN' DA PEACE,
WRECKIN' DA PUB-
LIC WOIKS SYSTEM,
AN' TRYIN' TA
SWIPE DA ROYAL
BANANAS!



SCRAM, MURGATROYD!
I'M DA SULTAN OF DIS JERNT.
I SEEN DA CRIME COMMITTED,
AN' I'LL TAKE CHARGE OF DA
CRIMINAL!

OH, GOLLY!
HONEST, SULTAN-
YOUR MAJESTY-
I DIDN'T MEAN
IT! PLEASE
EXCUSE IT!

SKIP IT, CHUM!
SHAKE HANDS WIT'
SULTAN TIM O'HOUH HAN!
YOU'RE DA GUY I BEEN
LOOKIN' FOR! YA LOOK
LIKE ME TWIN BRUDDER,
AN' I GOT A JOB FOR
YA!

HUH?
ME
LOOK
LIKE
YOU?
AND,
SPEAKING
OF WORK,
I'M WEAK
FROM
HUNGER!



FINE! DA
JOB I WANT
YA TA DO IS
EAT AS MUCH
AS YOU CAN
HOLD! DEN,
PRETEND YARE
ME AT DA BIG
PARTY TONIGHT!

MEANWHILE,
AS JOHNNY
CHAMBERS IS
ABOUT TO FOLLOW
HIS GUIDE INTO
THE THRONE ROOM
OF THE ROYAL
PALACE...

KEEP QUIET
AND STICK
'EM UP!

OH, OH! TIME
FOR JOHNNY
CHAMBERS TO
STEP OUT OF THE
PICTURE...

SULTAN, YOU
HIRED YOURSELF
AN EXPERT
EATER!

YOU KNOW WHAT WE WANT- AND IF WE DON'T GET 'EM, WE'LL BUMP OFF YOUR FAT SULTAN!

...AND TIME FOR JOHNNY QUICK TO STEP IN. 3X2(9YZ)4A...

AS HE RECITES THE MAGIC FORMULA THAT COORDINATING TIME AND SPACE FACTORS, GEARS HIM TO FLASHING SPEED, JOHNNY CHAMBERS BE- COMES JOHNNY QUICK.

MOVING FASTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW, JOHNNY QUICK ROCKETS TOWARD THE GUNMEN.

CHEE, WE WOIKED A YEAR DIVIN' FOR DEM POILS. DA SULTAN'LL FEEL BAD IF WE DON'T PRESENT HIM WIT' HIS WEIGHT IN 'EM TONIGHT.

THEN, INVISIBLE FISTS DRIVE WITH TRIPHAMMER FORCE!

YUU! WHAT HIT ME?

HEY-YA'RE SETTIN' FIRE TA DA JERNT!

THE PLACE IS HAUNTED! LEMME OUT!

I HATE TO LET THEM ESCAPE-BUT THAT FIRE WILL RUIN THE PALACE IF IT ISN'T PUT OUT NOW!

WHIRLING AT TERRIFIC SPEED, JOHNNY CREATES A VACUUM IN WHICH THE FLAMES DIE FOR LACK OF OXYGEN... AND AS TUBBY AND SULTAN TIM O'HOULIHAN ARRIVE...

WHAT'S DAT? A WHOILWIND?

JOHNNY QUICK! WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?

ANOTHER QUICK CHANGE... AND JOHNNY CHAMBERS MEETS HIS MAJESTY.

DIS IS WHAT DEM CROOKS WAS AFTER! DEY MUSTA HOID O' DA FLATBUSH ATOLL CUSTOM O' GIVIN' DA SULTAN HIS WEIGHT IN POILS EVERY YEAR. TONIGHT IS DA BIG NIGHT!

PEARLS-THOUSANDS OF THEM, SULTAN, YOU'VE GOT QUITE A RACKET!



DON'T GET ME WRONG! I AIN'T NO CROOK! I GOT SHIPWRECKED HERE 'TREE YEARS AGO, AN' DA NATIVES MADE ME BOSS ON ACCOUNT OF DEY TUGHT ME JUGGLIN' WAS MAGIC!

WELL, WHEN DEY STARTED SHOWERIN' ME WIT' POILS, I SHOWED 'EM SOME REAL MAGIC! I SOLD DA POILS TA BUY A POWER PLANT FOR DA WATERWOIKS.

I APOLOGIZE! YOU'RE A GOOD CITIZEN!

NOT BAD!

BUT WHAT OF THE GUNMEN WHO FLED? HERE, ACROSS THE TINY ISLAND...

HEY, GRIMES! I'M SEEIN' THINGS—OR THERE'S TRICKERY BREWIN' OVER AT THE SULTAN'S PALACE!

DID YA SPOT THE PEARLS, SHARP? LEMME SEE...

NOW I WANTA GIVE 'EM SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AN STUFF—AN' I HOPE TA GET ENOUGH POILS TONIGHT TA PAY FOR DEM—BUT I'M WOKIN' MY BRAIN SO HARD, I LOSE WEIGHT!

BUT IT'S OKAY, 'CAUSE THEY'LL WEIGH ME INSTEAD OF HIM TONIGHT—AFTER I EAT ALL I CAN HOLD!

WHAT GRIMES AND SHARP SEE THROUGH THE BINOCULARS...

FINE ROBES AND A CROWN ARE FUN—BUT TO HIS IMITATION HIGHNESS TUBBY WATTS, THIS IS REALLY THE BIG EVENT.

T'S AMAZIN'! HE'S ME DOUBLE!

HE'LL BE 40 POUNDS HEAVIER THAN YOU BY TONIGHT!

THAT NIGHT, EVERYBODY GATHERS FOR THE BIG EVENT OF THE YEAR.

HOORAY FOR SULTAN TIM, DA NO. 1 BIG SHOT O' FLATBUSH ATOLL!

NEXT TO EATING, THIS IS THE MOST FUN I EVER HAD!



HERE IS A CEREMONY TO DELIGHT ANY MONARCH.

AH, ROAST CHICKEN!

AS THE CROWD CHEERS.

HOORAY! HE'S OFF DA GROUND AT LAST!

HE'S FATTER'N EVER! LONG LIVE DA SULTAN.

BUT SUDDENLY..

THE NATIVES WILL BE MAD IF THEY FIND THEY'RE BEING FOOLED - EVEN FOR THEIR OWN GOOD!

YOU'RE BEING TRICKED. HE'S NOT THE SULTAN!

MIND THIS CAMERA, BUTCH, AND KEEP IT RUNNING WHILE I SEE A MAN ABOUT TWO SKUNKS!

NOTHING LIKE THIS EVER FILMED BEFORE! I'LL SCOOP THE WORLD!



JUGGLE 'EM, SULTAN! PROVE YOU'RE NOT A PHONEY!

I- I CAN'T! UH... I MEAN, I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD.

AS THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE CROWN GROWS UNEASY, SUDDENLY AN INVISIBLE FORCE MOVES HIS HANDS, HURLING THE OBJECTS INTO THE AIR!

MAYBE I OUGHT TO CONFESS - HUH?

HE'S JUGGLIN'! THEY WON'T BELIEVE US NOW, SHARP!



THANKS TO JOHNNY QUICK, THE AWED ISLANDERS NOW WITNESS JUGGLING THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD.

WHAT A GUY!
HIS MAGIC'S
BETTER'N
EVER.

WE CAN'T STICK UP
DIS MOB, GRIMES!
COME ON—I GOT A
BETTER IDEA.

SHORTLY, IN THE POWER PLANT...

WHY NOT
USE THIS BOMB
ON THE
MACHINES?

WE MIGHT NEED IT
LATER! I'LL WRECK
THE DYNAMO'S MOTOR..
THAT'LL CUT OFF THE
LIGHTS.

ABRUPTLY, THE FESTIVE SCENE IS
BLOTTED OUT.

HEY! I CAN'T
FIND THE GRUB!
TURN ON THE
LIGHTS...

TROUBLE AT
THE POWER
PLANT—AND I
CAN GUESS
WHO'S BEHIND
IT!

FURTF
FIGURE
MOVE
SWIFTLY
IN THE
SCENE!

DA POILS,
I'LL GUARD
'EM!...
UH-H-H...

HURRY, SHARP!
LET'S GET THE
PEARLS ABOARD
THE BOAT AND
SCRAM!

MEANWHILE, A HUMAN DYNAMO
STARTS UP A MECHANICAL ONE,
AT INCREDIBLE SPEED.

I'VE HOOKED THIS UP TO
BATTERIES! WHEN THEY'RE
CHARGED, I'LL CONNECT
THE LIGHTING
CIRCUIT TO
THEM!

AND AS THE CROOKS SNEAK AWAY—
THE LIGHTS GO ON!

THEY
SPOTTED
US!

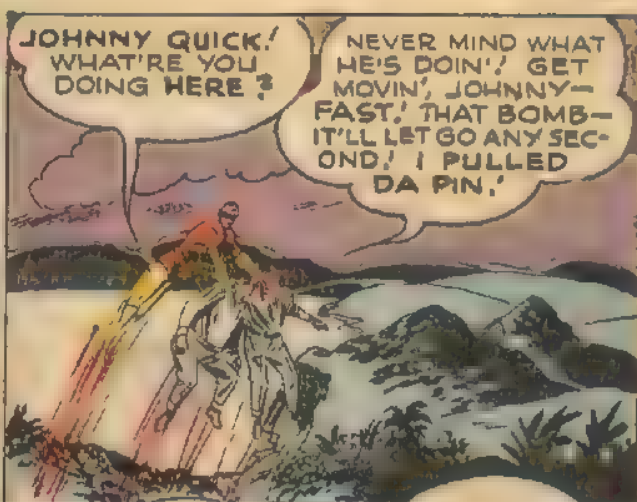
I'LL TOSS
THE BOMB!



BUT SUDDENLY...

TSK, TSK!
STEALING
IS BAD
MANNERS!

WHAT-?



JOHNNY QUICK!
WHAT'RE YOU
DOING HERE?

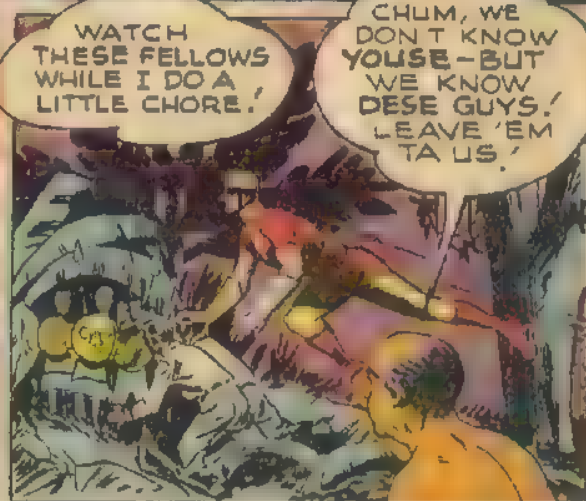
NEVER MIND WHAT
HE'S DOIN'! GET
MOVIN', JOHNNY-
FAST! THAT BOMB-
IT'LL LET GO ANY SEC-
OND! I PULLED
DA PIN!



THEN, A ROARING BLAST ROCKS THE
TINY ISLAND!

GREAT SCOTT-
THERE GO THE
PEARLS!

OW!
I'M SHOT!



WATCH
THESE FELLOWS
WHILE I DO A
LITTLE CHORE!

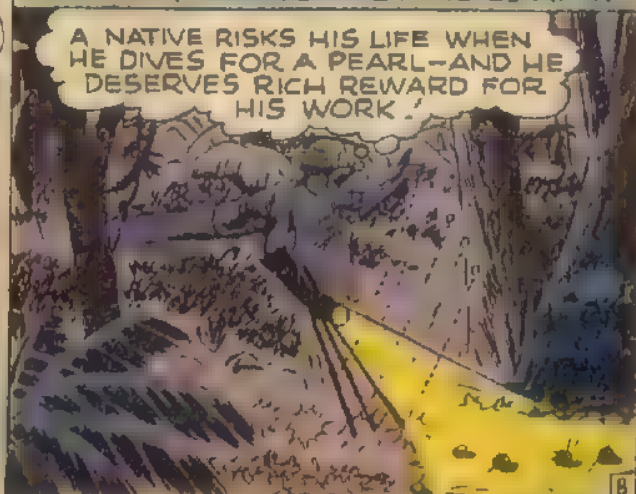
CHUM, WE
DON'T KNOW
YOUSSE-BUT
WE KNOW
DESE GUYS!
LEAVE 'EM
TA US!

HASTILY, JOHNNY QUICK EQUIPS HIM-
SELF FOR A SEARCH THAT'LL MAKE
FINDING A NEEDLE IN A HAY-
STACK SEEM CHILD'S PLAY!



TO FIND THOSE PEARLS,
I'LL HAVE TO LOOK
UNDER EVERY LEAF
AND TWIG!

A HUNDRED MEN WOULD NEED WEEKS TO
DO THE JOB... AND EVEN THE WIZARD OF
SPEED, USED TO DOING THINGS IN SPLIT
SECONDS, SPENDS FIVE MINUTES AT IT!



A NATIVE RISKS HIS LIFE WHEN
HE DIVES FOR A PEARL-AND HE
DESERVES RICH REWARD FOR
HIS WORK!

MEANWHILE, IN THE PALACE...

ALL ME FINE
PLANS RUINED!
NO SCHOOL!
NO HOSPITAL!
NO NUTHIN'!

SULTAN, JUST KEEP
ME HERE AND FEED
ME UP AND NEXT
YEAR, I'LL GET YOU
TWICE AS MANY
PEARLS!

JOHNNY QUICK!
WHAT YA DOIN'
HERE ON FLATBUSH
ATOLL?

I'M HERE TO HELP A
BOY FROM BROOKLYN,
SULTAN—HERE'S A
PRESENT FOR YOU!

SEE? THEY
BALANCE! I FOUND
ALL THE PEARLS!
NOW, IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME—

WAIT,
JOHNNY! I
WANTA SAY
T'ANKS...

LATER
I'LL MAKE
FLATBUSH ATOLL
DA HEALTHIEST, HAPPIEST
SPOT IN DA WOILD—
NEXT TA GOOD OL'
BROOKLYN, U.S.A.!

I HATE TO
MENTION IT, BUT
YOU'LL NEED A
JAIL WHEN NEWS
OF THE PEARLS
GETS AROUND.

WE'VE HAD A
ROYAL GOOD TIME,
SULTAN. I WISH
YOU'D LET US
PAY FOR THE
GAS YOU GAVE
US!

JUST T'ROW A
POP BOTTLE FOR
ME NEXT TIME
YA WATCH DA
DODGERS PLAY!

AND SO OUR ADVENTURERS
BID A FOND FAREWELL TO
FLATBUSH ATOLL...

A GREAT
JOB THIS SULTAN
BUSINESS! NOTHIN'
TO DO BUT EAT...
(SIGH)...

For
FUN,
FIGHTING,
FLEETNESS
AND
FOOD—
DON'T MISS
TUBBY
and
JOHNNY
QUICK
IN EVERY
ISSUE OF
Adventure
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FAMOUS SPORTS FLOPS

THE WRONG-WAY
TOUCHDOWN (WELL, ALMOST!)

A TRIP INTO THE PAST WITH THOM McAN AND HIS MAGIC "BAZOOKA-SHOES"

FELLOWS, I'VE JUST COME BACK FROM A TRIP INTO THE PAST ON MY MAGIC "BAZOOKA-SHOES." AND HAVE I GOT A STORY--ABOUT A FAMOUS FOOTBALL PLAY-OFF!

AN UNBEATEN SOUTHERN TEAM CLASHES WITH A TWICE-TIED WESTERN TEAM!

WOW! ONLY FOUR MINUTES OF THE FIRST HALF LEFT, AND STILL NO SCORE!

LOOK! THE SOUTH HAS FUMBLER ON THEIR OWN 30-YARD LINE! HERE'S OUR BIG CHANCE!

BUT SUDDENLY...

THE WESTERN CENTER GRABS THE BALL--CUTS ACROSS THE FIELD IN A LONG RUN. BUT SUDDENLY...

NO, NO! STOP!! YOU'RE RUNNING THE WRONG WAY!

FIRST TIME I WAS EVER GLAD TO SEE OUR OWN MAN TACKLED!

THE UNLUCKY CENTER WOULD HAVE PLANTED THE BALL BEHIND HIS OWN GOAL LINE---IF ONE OF HIS OWN MATES HADN'T GRABBED HIM...

SO BECAUSE OF THE CENTER'S BONER, HIS TEAM LOST THAT FAMOUS GAME, 8-7, EVEN THOUGH THEY ROLLED UP MORE FIRST DOWNS AND YARDAGE!

TOUGH! HE WAS A GREAT PLAYER. JUST GOT MIXED UP!

FELLOWS, THOM'S STORY SHOWS HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO KEEP YOUR HEAD IN ANY GAME. GOOD HEADWORK AND GOOD FOOTWORK ARE UNBEATABLE! SO--KEEP YOUR FEET HEALTHY... BY WEARING SHOES THAT REALLY FIT.

IF YOU OUTGROW YOUR SHOES, THEY BEND THE SOFT BONES IN YOUR FEET. SO EVEN THOUGH YOU DON'T FEEL ANY PAIN, MEASURE YOUR FEET AT HOME, ON A "GRO-CHART"--A SPECIAL CHART GIVEN ONLY WITH THOM McANS. AND WHEN YOUR FEET REACH "THE DANGER LINE," GET NEW THOM McAN SHOES!

AT THOM McAN STORE: SPECIAL DEVICE TELLS WHAT SIZE NEW SHOES YOU NEED, MARKS "GRO-ROOM" ON "GRO-CHART."

AT HOME: WEEKS LATER. WHEN YOUR FOOT REACHES "DANGER LINE," YOUR FOOT HAS NO MORE ROOM TO GROW... TIME FOR NEW-SIZE THOM McAN SHOES!

Thom McAn
OVER 500 STORES

McAn
IN OVER 300 CITIES